



South Dakota Birth Matters
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South Dakota Board of Certified Professional Midwives
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Dear South Dakota Board of Certified Professional Midwives:

South Dakota Birth Matters is the only statewide organization that represents the interests of South Dakota's birthing families. We have a history of working through legislation to expand safe birth options in our state, so that families can have access to the providers and settings that work best for them. Part of that work was helping to pass legislation to license and regulate Certified Professional Midwives.

As a representative of birthing families, we would like to express our support for the proposed rule changes to Chapter 20:86:03 Appendix A . Adding Tranexamic Acid (TXA) and IV Fluids as an option for treating postpartum hemorrhage and epinephrine as a treatment for allergic reactions to authorized medications will give licensed Certified Professional Midwives additional tools to provide for the safety of their clients in emergency situations.

We also support the changes to Chapter 20:86:02:03. These changes make the renewal of licenses for Certified Professional Midwives more fair, as each license will be valid for exactly two years.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of these rule changes.

Sincerely,

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