
HOUSE BILL 1130

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1 AN ACT Relating to written plans for midwifery; amending RCW
2 18.50.010 and 18.50.108; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.50.010 and 1991 c 3 s 103 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Any person shall be regarded as practicing midwifery within the
7 meaning of this chapter who shall render medical aid for a fee or
8 compensation to a woman during prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum
9 stages or who shall advertise as a midwife by signs, printed cards, or
10 otherwise. Nothing shall be construed in this chapter to prohibit
11 gratuitous services. ~~((It shall be the duty of a midwife to consult
12 with a physician whenever there are significant deviations from normal
13 in either the mother or the infant.))~~

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.50.108 and 1981 c 53 s 14 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 Every licensed midwife shall develop a written plan for
17 ~~((consultation with other health care providers, emergency transfer,
18 transport of an infant to a newborn nursery or neonatal intensive care~~

1 ~~nursery, and transport of a woman to an appropriate obstetrical~~
2 ~~department or patient care area. The written plan shall be submitted~~
3 ~~annually together with the license renewal fee to the department))~~ each
4 patient following the initial patient assessment and before the
5 commencement of a regular program of midwifery services. The written
6 plan shall describe the program of midwifery services to be provided;
7 any general risk factors associated with the services to be provided;
8 any specific risk factors pertaining to the individual health and
9 circumstances of the individual patient; a plan to be followed in the
10 event of an emergency, including a plan for transportation; and
11 individuals to contact in the event of an emergency. The patient and,
12 if applicable, the patient's spouse or partner shall be informed of the
13 contents of the plan and provided the opportunity to amend any portion
14 of the plan. Both the midwife and the patient shall acknowledge their
15 consent to the contents of the plan before the continuation of
16 midwifery services. The midwife must retain the written plans in the
17 patient's file for at least five years and make them available to the
18 department as necessary for credentialing and disciplinary purposes.
19 The department may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this
20 section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2012.

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