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To All Interested Parties:

The Idaho State Board of Midwifery will soon begin licensing midwives as described in the Midwifery Licensing Law, Idaho Code 54-5501-5513. This letter is to highlight some of the changes you may see as a result of this law change. The Midwifery Licensing Law and the Board's Rules can be read &/or downloaded at www.ibol.idaho.gov and then clicking on the Midwives Board page.

Under these provisions, the Licensed Midwives (LM) will be able to obtain & administer a small formulary of medications including Pitocin for hemorrhage, IV fluids for stabilization and the administration of antibiotics for GBS, to name a few. The Licensed Midwife's scope of practice is also very strictly defined including:

Conditions for Which a LM May Not Provide Care

Conditions for Which a LM May Not Provide Care Without Physician Involvement

Conditions for Which a LM Must Recommend Physician Involvement

Conditions for which a LM Must Facilitate Hospital Transfer (which includes a Plan for Emergency Transfer and Transport)

The Board requests your cooperation in educating and informing yourself and all those who care for women, babies and families that will be affected by this change of status for midwives in Idaho. Our common goals are healthy mothers and healthy babies. The Board's desire is that enhanced communication and collaboration will improve transfers and transports from the LM when they become necessary, further improve outcomes, and foster respectful relationships between all maternity and newborn care providers.

We are available for your questions and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

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