

MIDWIFERY LIAISON COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA
Monday, October 16, 2006
124 HALSEY STREET, NEWARK NEW JERSEY
SUSSEX ROOM, 6TH FLOOR 12:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

II. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2006.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Regulations: Prescriptive authorization (N.J.A.C. 13:35-2A.14)

Attached for Committee review is the final copy of the proposal, which was reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners, and appeared on the Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners on Wednesday, October 12, 2006. The Executive committee has recommended approval.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Advisory Letter on Post Partum Depression

Attached for Committee review is a draft letter that is being circulated to all affected health care professionals to notify them of the requirement to require health care providers to screen women for PPD and to inform pregnant women and their families about this condition. The Division of Consumer Affairs is facilitating the mailing.

B. Certified Nurse Midwives and Certification of False Labor

Attached for Committee review is a communication from Kellyann Dzedzic, Director of Corporate Compliance at Hunterdon Healthcare System, requesting the Committee to review recent changes by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services detailing changes to the Federal EMTALA guidelines that adopted a new definition of "Labor," and expanded the types of health care providers that may certify false labor to include Certified Nurse Midwives. Ms. Dzedzic reports a conflict with New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services hospital licensing regulations at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-12.6, which limit this role to certified advanced practice nurses in an emergency department setting. A copy of the CMMS notice and the relevant regulations are attached for Committee review.

C. Home Birth Issues - Affiliated Physicians

An issue has been brought to the attention of the committee reporting that an affiliated physician operating in an uncertain area has notified midwives that he will no longer be able to serve as an affiliated physician as of December 1, 2006. A request has been made for several midwives to address the Committee on this issue.

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