

Thank you for your consideration of these expansions to the current scope of midwifery practice. We, as midwives, believe they will enhance our practice enabling us to meet the needs of women. The shortage of obstetrical healthcare providers has resulted in a tremendous burden to those in the field. Having an expanded scope of practice will allow midwives to continue to care for women, reducing the need for many women to see other providers for common concerns of pregnancy and post partum requiring antibiotics such as urinary tract infections, group B strep or mastitis. This will reduce excessive medical visits with multiple providers and ultimately reduce cost to the system. We look forward to contributing to the solution in addressing the shortage of health care providers by offering an expanded scope of practice.