

**Readopt with amendment Mid 401.01, effective 11-10-16 (Document #12040), to read as follows:**

Mid 401 DEFINITIONS

Mid 401.01 Definitions. In this part the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Active practice" means the practice of midwifery as defined in RSA 326-D:2 V;
- (b) "Contact hour" means a unit of measure of continuing professional education or professional activity;
- (c) "Continuing professional education or activity" means structured courses, activities, and experiences beyond entry-level professional preparation that are designed to provide advanced or enhanced knowledge in the field of midwifery;
- (d) "Distance-learning" means participation in continuing education described in Mid 405.02 through self-study online computer courses and correspondence courses, so long as the participation can be proven with the appropriate documentation described in Mid 406;
- (e) "Intrapartum" means the period from the onset of labor to its termination with the delivery of the placenta;
- (f) "Maternal mortality" means death of the client **during pregnancy or** within 6 weeks of [giving] birth[ ~~to the newborn~~];
- (g) "Medical backup" means specific arrangements for on call coverage with another midwife or licensed health care provider whose scope of practice includes birth;
- (h) "Midwifery-related field" means any of the following fields: women's health, maternal-newborn nursing, counseling, nutrition, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum care, breastfeeding, newborn care, pharmacology, herbology, and homeopathy;
- (i) "**Fetal or [N]neonatal mortality**" means [~~the death of the newborn within 6 weeks of birth~~] **fetal demise at or after 20 weeks' gestation or death of the baby up to 6 weeks of age;**
- (j) "Neonatal resuscitation program (NRP)" means a course of study in the prevention and treatment of neonatal respiratory depression which is cosponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association;
- (k) "Peer review" means the confidential presentation in a meeting of at least 3 midwives of a midwifery case of educational value with respect to medical, obstetrical, gynecological, psychosocial, or neonatal matters, together with a confidential discussion about the case; and
- (l) "Significant morbidity" means any event that requires hospitalization of [24] **60** hours or more[ ~~for purposes other than observation~~] **that is related to pregnancy, postpartum up to 6 weeks, and the newborn up to 6 weeks of age.**

**Readopt with amendment Mid 407.01 and Mid 407.02, effective 11-10-16 (Document #12040), to read as follows:**

Mid 407.01 Reporting Significant Morbidity and Mortality.

~~[(a) A midwife shall make an initial report within 72 hours of any incident of maternal or neonatal significant morbidity or mortality.~~

~~— (b) The initial report shall:~~

~~(1) Be made by telephone to the chairperson of the council and include the information set forth in Mid 407.02; or~~

~~(2) Be made in writing on the report form provided by the council and described in Mid 407.02.]~~

~~[(e)](a) [If the initial report is made by telephone, the final report shall be made]~~**A midwife shall submit a “Morbidity and Mortality Report Form” described in Mid 407.02 to the board through the office of professional licensure and certifications within 10 days of a significant morbidity and mortality incident:**

~~(1) Within 10 days of the incident; and~~

~~(2) Using the report form provided by the council and described in Mid 407.02.~~

~~— [(e)](d) If the initial report is made on the report form provided by the council, no final report shall be required.]~~

Mid 407.02 Significant Morbidity and Mortality Report Form. When reporting an incident of maternal or neonatal significant morbidity or mortality, a midwife shall provide the following information on the ~~report form~~ **“Morbidity and Mortality Report Form”** provided by the midwifery council:

(a) The name of the midwife;

(b) The midwife’s certification number;

(c) The name of the client and, if applicable, of the newborn **including:**

**(1) The clients address;**

**(2) A phone number at which the client can be contacted; and**

**(3) The date of birth of the client;**

(d) The location of the incident of significant morbidity or mortality;

(e) If the client or newborn was transferred to a hospital:

(1) The reason for the transfer of the care of the client or newborn to a hospital;

(2) The name and ~~location~~ **address** of the hospital to which the care of the client or newborn was transferred **and the phone number of the hospital’s medical records department;**

- (3) The date and time of the call for transportation to the hospital;
- (4) The date and time that the client or newborn arrived at the hospital; and
- (5) The means of transportation to the hospital;
- (f) The maternal outcome;
- (g) The newborn's outcome; and
- (h) Any additional significant concerns or information.

**Appendix**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Specific State Statute which the Rule Implements</b>
Mid 401.01	RSA 541-A:7
Mid 407.01	RSA 326-D:5, I(j)