

**REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBJECT
MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING**

	Rule Number
<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>Midwifery Council c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mid 500</p> <hr/> <p>2. RSA Authority: <u> RSA 326-D:5(c) </u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: _____</p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Adoption _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Amendment _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Repeal _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Readoption _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Readoption w/amendment <u> X </u></p>
<p>5. Short Title: Scope of Midwifery Practice</p>	

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 541-A:11, VIII THIS AGENCY IS SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON A SUBJECT MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO FORMALLY PROPOSING RULES IN THE RULEMAKING PROCESS. WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW PERSONS MAY PROVIDE COMMENT ARE INDICATED BELOW.

6. (a) Summary of the subject matter, or summary of the rule if drafted, and the effect on those regulated:

The rules being considered for readoption with amendment are Chapter Mid 500 of the Midwifery Councils administrative rules. The entire Chapter Mid 500 is being reviewed and amendments have been drafted for various sections. Those licensed by the council will be affected if changes are made to the following sections:

- **Definitions;**
- **Midwifery procedures;**
- **Requirements for prenatal care;**
- **Requirements for care during labor, birth, and the immediate postpartum Period;**
- **Consultation with physician or CNM with hospital privileges;**
- **Consultation to determine setting for care during the immediate postpartum period;**
- **Requirements for care during the extended postpartum period;**
- **Ineligibility for midwifery care;**
- **Obstetrical consultation required to determine eligibility for midwifery care;**
- **Conditions requiring transfer from midwifery care;**
- **Termination of services; and**
- **Midwifery care when previous birth was by cesarean section.**

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The groups affected are licensees and those seeking care from a midwife.

7. Contact person for copies, questions, and receipt of comment including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of comment in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **June 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

Fax

E-mail

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **June 10, 2022 at 9:30 am**

Place: **Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301**