

Basis and Purpose: The purpose of the amendments and additions to these rules are: (1) Rule 1 - to make it unprofessional conduct for a registered direct-entry midwife to aid or knowingly permit a registered midwife to violate a rule or statute governing direct-entry midwifery care; (2) Rule 2 – to make technical amendments for standards of education to become a registered direct-entry midwife that are consistent with the Colorado Direct-Entry Midwifery Practice Act, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division of Professions and Occupations (“Division”); (3) Rule 4 – to expand, clarify, and in some cases eliminate, instances in which a direct-entry midwife may not provide direct-entry midwifery care to a mother based on current or past conditions of the mother, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (4) Rule 5 – to expand, clarify, and in some cases eliminate, the minimum requirements for a direct-entry midwife when performing antepartum care, to further expand mandatory disclosure requirements for mothers to specifically identify unregistered midwives (or unregistered birthing attendants) and their corresponding qualifications when assisting a registered direct-entry midwife with direct-midwifery care, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (5) Rule 6 - to clarify, and in some cases eliminate, the minimum requirements for a direct-entry midwife when performing intrapartum care, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (6) Rule 7 – to clarify, and in some cases eliminate, the minimum requirements for a direct-entry midwife when performing postpartum care. (7) Rule 8 – to clarify, and in some cases eliminate, the minimum requirements for a direct-entry midwife when performing postpartum care, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (8) Rule 9 - to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (9) Rule 11 - to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (10) Rule 17 – to clarify the use of certain medications based on the presentation of the mother at birth, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (11) Rule 18 – to clarify the use of intravenous fluids to describe the causation of fluid volume loss by the mother to include dehydration and fatigue, and to make various technical formatting amendments for consistency with other programs and boards within the Division; (12) Rule 20 – to define perineal tear and various degrees of such tears and specify the limitations and requirements in order to perform suturing of first-degree and second-degree perineal tears; (13) Rule 21 – to define both “unregistered birthing attendants” and “direct supervision”, and to require a registered direct entry midwife to have direct supervision of an unregistered birthing attendant when an attendant assists the registered direct-entry midwife when performing direct-entry midwifery care; and (14) Rule 22 – to specify the requirements of confidential agreements.

Authority for Promulgation of Rules: Sections 12-37-103, 12-37-104, 12-37-105, 12-73-105.5, 12-37-106(1)(a), 12-37-108.5 and 24-4-103, C.R.S.