## PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT) Act 368 of 1978

## 333.17101 Definitions; principles of construction.

Sec. 17101. (1) As used in this part:

- (a) "Appropriate health professional", for the purposes of referral, consultation, or collaboration with a midwife under this part, means any of the following:
  - (i) A physician.
  - (ii) A certified nurse midwife.
- (iii) As identified in rules promulgated under section 17117, another appropriate health professional licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health profession under this article.
- (b) "Certified nurse midwife" means a registered professional nurse licensed under part 172 who has been granted a specialty certification in the health profession specialty field of nurse midwifery by the Michigan board of nursing under section 17210.
  - (c) "Health care provider" means an individual who is licensed or registered under this article.
  - (d) "Midwife" means an individual licensed under this part to engage in the practice of midwifery.
- (e) "Physician" means an individual licensed to engage in the practice of medicine under part 170 or the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery under part 175.
- (f) "Practice of midwifery", subject to subsection (2), means providing perinatal care that is consistent with a midwife's training, education, and experience, to individuals and neonates during the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods.
  - (2) For purposes of this part, practice of midwifery does not include either of the following:
  - (a) The practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- (b) The practice of nursing, including the practice of nursing with a specialty certification in the health profession specialty field of nurse midwifery under part 172.
- (3) In addition to the definitions of this part, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains definitions applicable to this part.

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