



AMA Resolutions 204 and 205 on Home Deliveries and Midwives Ignores Facts

Resolution 204 and 205 seek to limit families' choices around place of birth and attendant.

The Resolutions cite safety as a main concern without any evidence to support this position. In contrast, midwifery studies and numerous public health organizations agree that planned out of hospital birth with Certified Professional Midwives and/ or Licensed Midwives offers equally safe outcomes for low-risk women and babies as compared to planned hospital birth. The AMA also ignores large studies which show lower rates of intervention and high client satisfaction in midwife attended births leading to better outcomes at a fraction of the cost.

The Safety and Importance of Midwifery Care is currently recognized by:

- American Public Health Association
- World Health Organization
- Pew Commission
- Coalition for Improving Maternity Services
- National Organization for Women

Texas Licensed Midwives, (LMs), are an important link in the healthcare system, offering cost effective services to the uninsured and medically underserved populations, as well as helping to reduce pre-maturity and infant mortality rates. Requiring every birth to be under direct supervision by a physician will only create even more barriers to quality maternity care for Texas women.

Therefore, The Association of Texas Midwives and midwifery consumers remain committed to increasing access to evidence based midwifery care for women and their families and to providing accurate information on the Midwifery Model of Care to policy makers and legislatures.

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