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The College of Midwives of Alberta is committed to the promotion of high quality midwifery services for Alberta women and their families through their work guiding and supporting individual midwives and Midwifery Practice Groups, and contributing to growth and development of the Midwifery Profession.

This support and guidance is offered with an understanding and appreciation of the following values and beliefs.

- ✚ Safe, quality care with the best possible outcomes is enhanced and promoted by protecting the model of midwifery care.
- ✚ Risk management is an important process inherent in the provision of high quality midwifery services and includes promoting effective, satisfying and safe care.
- ✚ Quality of care, as measured by clinical outcomes and client satisfaction, also has the potential to reduce the incidence of law suits and college complaints and may contribute to the recruitment and retention of midwives in the profession.
- ✚ Availability of comprehensive professional liability insurance for all practising midwives is essential to the provision of care.

Quality business and/or clinical midwifery services are facilitated when:

- ✚ midwives are empowered to support women to manage their own risks using informed choice,
- ✚ midwives work in collaborative, supportive, respectful, satisfying, safe, and positive working environments, including the constructive resolution of conflict, up-to-date clinical, business and administrative tools and resources such as policies, protocols and Clinical Practice Guidelines that are based on evidence, best practices and the principles of the midwifery model of care are available to midwives and their clients,
- ✚ midwives have access to confidential, individualized and non-judgmental support and guidance from their peers, and the Alberta Association of Midwives,
- ✚ midwives and practice groups reflect on and learn from their practice in order to continue high quality care and make necessary changes and/or improvements

- ✚ midwives have access to liability insurance with a provider who understands, appreciates and values the care midwives provide.

The CMA believes that they are best able to support and advocate for members by:

- ✚ inviting and welcoming new and diverse members (degrees of experience, areas of practice, types of communities, levels of resource) to share in the growing work of risk management,
- ✚ anticipating and responding to midwives' needs for ongoing support in promoting quality of care, positive intra-professional, inter-professional, community and hospital relations, and maintaining or expanding their scope of practice,
- ✚ fostering effective and evidence based clinical and business excellence, and the development of leadership and advocacy skills,
- ✚ facilitating the establishment of positive and healthy practice environments for midwives and practice groups,

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