

Midwifery Scope of Practice Working Group Information

Section 14 of Public Act 22-58, [AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES](#), requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to conduct a scope of review regarding whether the Department of Public Health should regulate midwives who are not eligible for licensure as nurse-midwives.

The Department will convene a working group that includes midwives and others who may be interested in or impacted by midwifery regulation in Connecticut. The group will provide insight and recommendations that will be compiled into a report that is due to the State Legislature by February 1, 2023.

Among the topics that will be covered in this process are:

- The public health and safety benefits that may be achieved if midwives are regulated in Connecticut;
- The impact that midwife regulation will have on public access to health care;
- The education, training and/or examination requirements and/or any relevant requirements for midwives if midwifery becomes a regulated profession in Connecticut;
- The extent to which midwifery regulation may impact existing relationships within the health care delivery system; and,
- The anticipated economic impact of the request on the health care delivery system.

The Department anticipates that the working group will begin meeting in late October or November through no later than the end of January 2023. Meetings are open to the public and will have a remote option or held remotely.

In anticipation of this working group, any entity may submit an impact statement regarding the concept of state midwifery regulation. Any impact statement submitted should be related to the topics above, or whether such entity agrees or disagrees with the concept of midwifery regulation, and an explanation of why. There is no page limit for impact statements, but they are typically brief and no longer than a few pages.

Impact statements and other inquiries should be sent no later than September 15, 2022 and preferably by email to:

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