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Guidelines to the Policy on Active Practice Reporting Requirements

Change to Planned Place of Birth

In the event that a birth does not take place where it was planned, the midwife has the option to count the birth as either home or hospital, for the purposes of active practice. The midwife must provide a written explanation.

Reporting Periods

After meeting the initial 2 year active practice numbers, a midwife may report in any five year period. Reporting periods may overlap and the midwife may use the same numbers in two different reporting periods. For example, a member may report in 2001 for the five year period of 1997-2001. She may choose to report next in 2003, for the period of 1999-2003. Her reporting period would overlap by 3 years and she would be using some of the same numbers (those from 99-01) twice. For each five year period the member reports in, she must meet the 5 year active practice numbers.

However, a member may never go longer than five years between reporting periods. The College will ensure that members report at a maximum interval of five years. If a midwife reported in 2003 and did not report again before 2008, the College would contact the midwife and require her to report in 2008.

Members who choose to continue reporting at regular five year periods may do so. The College will continue to send out active practice reports when they are required. If a member chooses to report before her active practice numbers are required, she should contact the College for a reporting form.

The intention of this portion of the policy is to allow members more flexibility around leaves from active practice while at the same time ensuring both that the Regulations are met and competency is maintained.

Active Practice Equivalency

In order for activities to be granted equivalency to active practice numbers, they must contribute significantly to the midwifery profession and significantly impact on the member's ability to meet active practice requirements.

This portion of the policy is intended to allow flexibility for members who engage in long term projects which promote and develop the profession. Activities that will be considered for equivalency will be those such as faculty positions with the MEP or long term research projects. Activities that will not be considered for equivalency are those such as sitting on committees of local hospitals, the CMO, the AOM, etc. or short term teaching commitments such as ES workshops, prenatal classes, sessional instructors, etc.

Members who wish to apply for active practice equivalency should contact the College for a reporting form.

Births Occurring Outside of Ontario

In order for births occurring outside of Ontario to be counted in a member's active practice numbers, the College requires verification that the model of care under which the birth care was provided is essentially the same as Ontario's. Acceptable verification will typically be in the form of a letter from an authority in the jurisdiction where the births occurred.

Members who wish to apply for acceptance of birth numbers from outside Ontario should contact the College for a reporting form and information on verification.