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POLICY FOR AMBULANCE REGISTRATION OF PLANNED HOME BIRTHS

It is recommended that planned home births be pre-registered with the Emergency Medical Services if:

- The midwifery practice area includes rural or remote areas¹
- The client lives in a location with difficult or obscure access

At 36 completed weeks gestation, a copy of the registration should be faxed to the appropriate ambulance dispatch office in the client's municipality and retain a copy in the client's records. Confirmation of the fax transmission is to be included.

Within 48 hours of the birth, the completed registration form should be faxed to the Ambulance dispatch office.

¹ Remote: A location of a distance of at least thirty minutes journey from a hospital with surgical facilities, using a method of transportation ordinarily used for health care purposes in the area.