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## **Policy on Primary Care**

The definition of “primary midwife” in the *Regulation Made Under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991: Registration* may include those situations where a midwife transfers the primary care of a woman to another health care professional in the intrapartum period and the midwife’s role in decision-making in the transfer of care is significant, and where the midwife provides supportive care in the intrapartum period after the transfer occurs. (Transfer of care in the antepartum period may be considered primary care where the midwife’s role in decision-making is significant and where the midwife provides supportive care in the antepartum and intrapartum periods; for example, antepartum transfer of care for postdates pregnancy, prolonged rupture of membranes.) This interpretation of primary care may be applied to up to 20% of each of the primary care requirements for initial or ongoing registration with the College; for example, clinical requirements for registration, supervised practice requirements, active practice requirements.