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## **POLICY ON DELEGATION OF CONTROLLED ACTS FOR TEMPORARY CLINICAL PLACEMENTS**

- The delegation of the controlled act is made for the purposes of a temporary clinical placement in a formal midwifery course at a University in Ontario. In the case of an aboriginal student, the student must be enrolled in a formal Aboriginal Midwifery Training Program acceptable to the College.
- The individual in a temporary clinical placement is a trained midwife or midwifery student from outside Ontario who is enrolled in a formal midwifery course at a University in Ontario or enrolled in a formal Aboriginal Midwifery Training Program acceptable to the College.
- The midwife delegating the controlled act is physically present during its performance.
- The midwife delegating the controlled act has assumed overall responsibility for the midwifery care of the client.
- The midwife delegating the controlled act ensures that the care is provided in accordance with the standards of practice of the midwifery profession, the *Philosophy of Midwifery Care in Ontario* and the *Code of Ethics* of the College.
- The midwife delegating the controlled act has outlined the status and role of the individual in a temporary clinical placement in the informed choice document.
- The midwife delegating the controlled act is responsible for the continued care of the client when the individual in a temporary clinical placement leaves or is otherwise unable to care for the client.

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- The individual in a temporary clinical placement has liability insurance through the institution providing the midwifery training program that is
- at least equivalent to that required to be carried by students in the Ontario Midwifery Education Program.

**RATIONALE FOR POLICY ON DELEGATION OF CONTROLLED  
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It is generally below the accepted standard of practice of the profession for a midwife to delegate controlled acts. However, there may be some exceptional circumstances where it might be appropriate to do so.

One circumstance is where a graduate or student midwife from another jurisdiction is currently enrolled in a formal training course in Ontario. Another possible exception is where students of an established Aboriginal Midwifery Training Program require clinical placements as a part of their training. However, even in those circumstances, delegation of a controlled act must be in accordance with this policy.