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## STANDARD ON SHARED PRIMARY CARE

In limited circumstances, approved by the College of Midwives of Ontario, primary care may be shared by midwives and another regulated primary health care provider.<sup>1</sup>

Shared primary care shall be provided in accord with the *Philosophy of Midwifery Care in Ontario* and the *Code of Ethics* of the College of Midwives of Ontario.

It should be clear which health professional is the most responsible, and known to all, especially the woman, and be clearly documented in the client record.

Approval of shared primary care arrangements will be made based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated need for temporary alternate practice arrangements, for example:
  - a) insufficient number of midwives to provide on-call coverage for clients;
  - b) geographically remote location;
  - c) practice covers large geographic areas;
  - d) serving communities with special needs;
  - e) recently established midwifery practice.
2. Evidence that temporary alternate practice arrangements are consistent with the model of midwifery practice in Ontario.
3. Demonstrated support from the community.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Temporary Alternate Practice Arrangements Within the Model of Midwifery Practice*, College of Midwives of Ontario, 1994.