



September 21, 2017

Hon. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
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Dear Minister Hoskins,

Thank you for your letter regarding expansion of scope for midwives, including prescribing controlled drugs and substances, and ordering of laboratory tests.

Our focus at the College of Midwives of Ontario is regulating midwifery in the public interest, and inspiring trust and confidence in the profession by leading in regulatory excellence. We believe these changes are in the public interest, and that this expansion will improve access to quality care in Ontario, benefitting midwifery clients.

In fact, the College has been proactive on these matters, and we have already devoted time and resources to these two initiatives, in accordance with our strategic priority to modernize legislation and regulations. Proposed changes to the Laboratories Regulation under the *Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act* will be presented to the College's Council in October for decision, and a discussion regarding the College's Designated Drugs Regulation is also taking place at that meeting.

I look forward to continuing work on these initiatives, and our shared goal of ensuring quality midwifery care for the clients who seek it.

Sincerely,

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