Colorado Direct Entry Midwifery Registration

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NEW STANDARD CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH

The Office of State Registrar of Vital Statistics has revised the certificate of birth as well as the "sample" prenatal and delivery data collection sheets. The revised forms and the letter from Ronald S. Hyman, State Registrar and Director of the Office of Vital Statistics, are enclosed with this newsletter. The Office of State Registrar of Vital Statistics is asking providers, including direct-entry midwives, to start using these forms now so that the data with will be available for births occurring January 1, 2006 and forward. If you would like the State of Colorado Sample Prenatal Data Collection Form in an electronic (PDF format) copy, please contact Michelle Cowell, Office of State Registrar of Vital Statistics, at (303) 692-2183 or via e-mail: michelle.cowell@state.co.us.

ONLINE RENEWAL AND OTHER SERVICES

The fastest way to renew this year is online at www.doradls.state.co.us.

- Renew your registration online using a credit card.
- If you do not have Internet access, you can still renew by mailing your renewal coupon with the fee.

Other services available online:

- Update your mailing address and contact information in "real time."
- Check the status of a pending application.
- Keep abreast of changes by visiting our website at www.dora.state.co.us/midwives.

ADDRESS ALERT

Please check your name and address on the renewal to be sure that it is correct. If not, please be sure to let us know if any of this information has changed. If we don't show a telephone number for you, that means we don't have one and as a result can't pass it along to anyone looking for a midwife in your area. Please help us help you by making sure we have a correct address and phone number for you.

NEWLY REGISTERED MIDWIVES

We have three new registered midwives since the 2004 newsletter was mailed: Shira Jacobs, Darjee Sahala, and Sara Sowers. Congratulations and welcome to the practice!

LAST YEAR'S STATISTICS

The results of the 2004 statistical survey are as follows:

1. The number of women to whom midwifery care was provided: 732
2. The number of women receiving only midwifery care: 495
3. The number of deliveries performed: 509
4. The number of Apgar scores of delivered infants in the following groupings:

One Minute	0 – 3:	11	Five Minutes	0 – 3:	2
One Minute	3 – 6:	59	Five Minutes	3 – 6:	8
One Minute	7 – 10:	435	Five Minutes	7 – 10:	498

5. The number of prenatal transfers: 57
6. The number of transfers during labor and/or delivery: 69
7. The number of transferred mothers immediately following birth within first 24 hours: 17
8. The number of transferred infants immediately following birth within first 24 hours: 15
9. The number of perinatal deaths: 3
10. The number of maternal deaths: 0

This is a decrease in total numbers, as the 2003 stats were 790 women receiving midwifery care, 629 receiving only midwifery care, and 569 midwife deliveries.

COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE

Between October 2004 and September 2005, four new complaints were filed against lay midwives in Colorado. The allegations include substandard care, failure to refer, and practicing without a registration. In the same time period, three complaints were dismissed. The following registrations were disciplined since last year's newsletter was printed:

Registrant's Name	Date	Conduct	Disciplinary Sanction
Theanna Davis	Nov. 22, 2004	Unregistered practice	Injunction
Dana Savage	Feb. 1, 2005	Substandard care	Probation
Margaret Schraishuhn	April 12, 2005	Working on lapsed registration	Letter of Admonition
Genevieve Bachman	June 8, 2005	Failure to transport timely	Letter of Admonition

To view disciplinary documents dating from January 1, 1999 to the present, please visit Registrations Online Documents (ROD) at www.dora.state.co.us/doraimages.