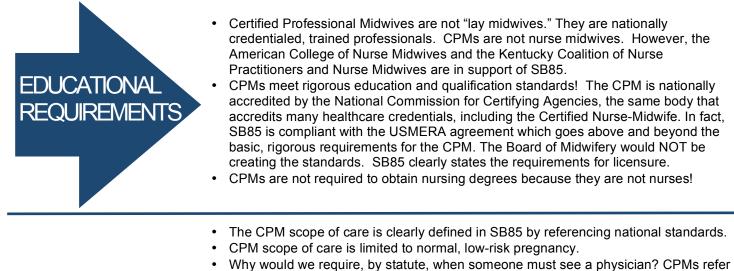
Kentucky The TRUTH about SB85 & Home Birth Misinformation from KY Med. Assoc.



- Why would we require, by statute, when someone must see a physician? Crivis relet to a higher level of care when needed, but in what other situation to we mandate when a person must see a physician?
 We proposed adding language from Best Practice Guidelines for Home to Hospital
- We proposed adding language from Best Practice Guidelines for Home to Hospital Transfer, but this was rejected by ACOG. Hospitals are required by law to accept emergencies, and we all have 911 service. Also, most hospital transfers for home birth are made by private vehicle well before they are emergent.
- CPMs are absolutely trained to use medications that are considered standard of care for pregnancy and for birth related emergencies. The opposition simply has no clue about CPM training.
- We have seen in other states (IN, DE, CA, for a few) that hospitals and physicians are reluctant to sign agreements with CPMs, thus requirements for agreements such as this effectively prevent midwives from practicing. Require the physicians to sign these agreements, too.
- It is true. SB85 places no restrictions on where a CPM can practice.
- Regardless of where a baby is born, there is never a requirement of when you must take your child to a pediatrician. Midwives do a newborn screening and perform metabolic tests, etc. just as a hospital does.
- The scope of practice of a CPM allows for monitoring of a normal newborn for up to 6 weeks. Anything outside of normal is immediately referred to a higher level of care.

PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

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- No providers of ANY type are required to obtain and maintain medical malpractice insurance in Kentucky.
- Informed consent requirements are clearly defined in SB85.
- Data reporting is clearly defined in SB85. In fact, this section was updated in our committee substitute per the suggestions of ACOG.

Families should have the right to make their own private family healthcare decisions. Right now, families ARE choosing home birth, and there are no regulations in place. Support SB85, and let's make home birth safer for Kentucky families.