



## The Scope of Midwifery Practice is based on Seven Principles

**Principle 1: Autonomy**

Standard 1.0: *The midwife is an autonomous primary health care professional within the maternity care system.*

**Principle 2: Informed Choice**

Standard 2.0: *The midwife upholds each woman's right to free and informed choice, and facilitates the woman's understanding of the care and treatment to which she consents.*

**Principle 3: Continuity of Care**

Standard 3.0: *The midwife has an obligation to ensure continuity of care throughout pregnancy, labour, birth and the post-partum period.*

**Principle 4: Choice of Birth Settings**

Standard 4.0: *A midwife must be capable of, and willing to, provide care in all settings.*

**Principle 5: Two Attendants at Each Birth**

Standard 5.0: *Two midwives will attend each birth regardless of setting except in those circumstances as permitted by the College of Midwives under the Alternative Practice Arrangements within the Model of Midwifery practice.*

**Principle 6: Accountability**

Standard 6.0: *Midwives are accountable to their clients, the College and the profession for safe, competent and ethical practice. The College is accountable for establishing regulations for responsibilities, reporting and evaluation.*

**Principle 7: Collaborative Practice**

Standard 7.0: *The midwife collaborates with the client, other midwives, health care providers and the wider community.*