PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.17101 Definitions; principles of construction.

Sec. 17101. (1) As used in this part:
(a) "Appropriate health professional", for the purposes of referral, consultation, or collaboration with a midwife under this part, means any of the following:
(i) A physician.
(ii) A certified nurse midwife.
(iii) As identified in rules promulgated under section 17117, another appropriate health professional licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health profession under this article.
(b) "Certified nurse midwife" means a registered professional nurse under part 172 who has been granted a specialty certification in the profession specialty field of nurse midwifery by the board of nursing under section 17210.
(c) "Health care provider" means an individual who is licensed or registered under this article.
(d) "Midwife" means an individual licensed under this part to engage in the practice of midwifery.
(e) "Physician" means an individual licensed to engage in the practice of medicine under part 170 or the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery under part 175.
(f) "Practice of midwifery", subject to subsection (2), means providing maternity care that is consistent with a midwife's training, education, and experience, to women and neonates during the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods.
(2) For purposes of this part, practice of midwifery does not include either of the following:
(a) The practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
(b) The practice of nursing, including the practice of nursing with a specialty certification in the profession specialty field of nurse midwifery under part 172.
(3) In addition to the definitions of this part, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains definitions applicable to this part.


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