

**Readopt with amendment Mid 401.01, effective 11-10-16 (Document #12040), to read as follows:**

Mid 401 DEFINITIONS

Mid 401.01 Definitions. In this part, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Active practice" means the practice of midwifery as defined in RSA 326-D:2 V;
- (b) "Contact hour" means a unit of measure of continuing professional education or professional activity;
- (c) "Continuing professional education or activity" means structured courses, activities, and experiences beyond entry-level professional preparation that are designed to provide advanced or enhanced knowledge in the field of midwifery;
- (d) "Distance-learning" means participation in continuing education described in Mid 405.02 through self-study online computer courses and correspondence courses;
- (e) "Intrapartum" means the period from the onset of labor to its termination with the delivery of the placenta;
- (f) "Maternal mortality" means death of the client during pregnancy or within 6 weeks of birth;
- (g) "Medical backup" means specific arrangements for on call coverage with another midwife or licensed health care provider whose scope of practice includes birth;
- (h) "Midwifery-related field" means any of the following fields: women's health, maternal-newborn nursing, counseling, nutrition, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum care, breastfeeding, newborn care, pharmacology, herbology, and homeopathy;
- (i) "Neonatal mortality" means fetal demise at or after 20 weeks' gestation or death of the baby up to 6 weeks of age. The term includes "fetal mortality";
- (j) "Neonatal resuscitation program (NRP)" means a course of study in the prevention and treatment of neonatal respiratory depression which is cosponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association;
- (k) "Peer review" means the confidential presentation in a meeting of at least 3 midwives of a midwifery case of educational value with respect to medical, obstetrical, gynecological, psychosocial, or neonatal matters, together with a confidential discussion about the case; and
- (l) "Significant morbidity" means an illness, injury, or morbidity to the newborn or mother up to 6 weeks after birth, which is or is not captured by hospitalization, that is directly related to pregnancy, birth, or postpartum.

**Readopt with amendment Mid 407.01 and Mid 407.02, effective 11-10-16 (Document #12040), to read as follows:**

Mid 407.01 Reporting Significant Morbidity and Mortality.

(a) Significant morbidity shall be reported when hospitalization lasts longer than 48 hours or the illness, injury, or morbidity not captured by hospitalization occurs within 6 weeks of the date of the birth; and

~~[(a)]~~**(b)** A midwife shall submit a “Significant Morbidity and Mortality Report Form” described in Mid 407.02 to the board through the office of professional licensure and certifications within 10 days of a significant morbidity and mortality incident.

Mid 407.02 Significant Morbidity and Mortality Report Form. When reporting an incident of maternal or neonatal significant morbidity or mortality, a midwife shall provide the following information on the “Significant Morbidity and Mortality Report Form” provided by the midwifery council and available on the boards web site, <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/midwifery-council-forms-and-documents>:

- (a) The name of the midwife;
- (b) The Midwife’s address;
- (c) The Midwife’s phone number;
- (d) The midwife’s certification number;
- (e) The name of the client;
- (f) The client’s address and phone number;
- (g) The client’s date of birth;
- (h) The newborn’s name and date of birth, if applicable;
- (i) The location of the incident of significant morbidity or mortality;
- (j) If the client or newborn was transferred to a hospital:
  - (1) A detailed description of the reason for the transfer of the care of the client or newborn to the hospital;
  - (2) The name and location of the hospital to which the care of the client or newborn was transferred and the phone number of the hospital’s medical records department;
  - (3) The date and time of the call for transportation to the hospital;
  - (4) The date and time the client or newborn arrived at the hospital; and
  - (5) The means of transportation to the hospital;
- (k) A detailed description of the maternal illness, injury, or morbidity, and outcome;
- (l) A detailed description of the newborn’s illness, injury, or morbidity, and outcome;
- (m) A detailed description of any additional significant concerns or information; and

(n) The midwife's signature and date of signing.

**Appendix**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Specific State Statute which the Rule Implements</b>
Mid 401.01	RSA 541-A:7
Mid 407.01	RSA 326-D:5, I(i)