

California College of Midwives
State chapter ~ American College of Community Midwives

Section Three

Notification of Transfers involving significant morbidity or mortality

∞ The California Licensed Midwives shall notify, within 15 days of the occurrence, the California Midwifery Peer Review Committee in writing, on a form provided by the Committee, of all intrapartum / neonatal / immediate postpartum transports involving significant morbidity or mortality for client or newborn.

A. This information shall include:

1. Name & License number of Midwife
2. Client's Initials, age and parity
3. Reason for transport
4. Stage of labor and length of labor before transport or hours postpartum at transport
5. Method of transport, including the time paramedics first notified
6. Date & time date that transport actually occurred
7. Destination of transport and date and time of arrival
8. Medical treatment and/or surgical procedures performed at the hospital
9. Maternal and/or newborn outcome

B. Significant morbidity or mortality refers to the following outcomes of any transfer in which either mother or baby:

1. required *emergency* hospital transport via 911 & paramedics
2. required emergency surgery or admission to an intensive care unit
3. died within 28 days of the birth
4. is known to have suffered permanent disability or otherwise to require on-going medical care or to reside in a nursing home

C. Adverse outcomes involving serious uterine damage or emergency hysterectomy, admission to neonatal or adult intensive care unit, patients known to have suffered permanent disability or otherwise to require on-going medical care or to reside in a nursing home may be subject to M&M peer review.