ENDORSED MIDWIVES IN WA
WHAT IS AN EM

• Endorsed midwife competent to provide pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care and qualified to provide the associated services and order diagnostic investigations required for midwifery practice, in accordance with relevant State and Territory legislation. (NMBA)

• May also prescribe scheduled medicines in accordance with relevant State or Territory legislation once an endorsement for scheduled medicines under section 94 has been attained.
• 2009 National Maternity Services Review
• 2010 National Maternity Services Plan
• 2010 Medicare legislation – provider numbers for Medicare eligible midwives
• 2016 NMBA standard now changed to notation as an Endorsed Midwife
NMBA REGISTRATION STANDARD

a) Current general registration as a midwife in Australia with no conditions on practice;

b) Midwifery experience that constitutes the equivalent of three (3) years full time post registration as a midwife (currently across the continuum)

c) Successful completion of professional practice review program

d) ANMAC accredited and Board approved program of study to develop midwives’ knowledge and skills in prescribing of medicines and diagnostics
• Professional practice review through MPR

I. Occurs once every 3 years

II. Development of a portfolio for submission

III. Interview with panel – consumer and midwife

• Professional practice management through mentoring

I. Enrol in ongoing mentoring program
MAINTAINING ENDORSEMENT

• General registration standards apply for:
  I. Recency of practice
  II. PII (exemption for intrapartum care at home)
  III. English language
  IV. Criminal history
• In addition, for endorsed midwives, there is a requirement to:

I. Complete an extra 20 CPD points per year specific to diagnostics and prescribing

II. PPRP every 3 years

III. For those providing intrapartum care at home – adherence to the safety and quality guidelines
SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- Pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care (the continuum of midwifery care) incorporates: ante-natal care; intrapartum care; and post natal care for women and their infants, and includes clinical assessment, exercise of clinical judgement, planning, implementation, monitoring and review responding to maternity emergencies, assessment and care of the newborn infant, management and administration of medications, judicious use of diagnostic investigations.
Opportunities for EM

• 25 years of research demonstrates:

I. Increased job satisfaction for midwives working in continuity of care models

II. Improved outcomes for women and babies

• Midwifery across the full scope of midwifery practice

• Primary healthcare settings

• Private practice with hospital admitting rights
MY MIDWIVES PERTH

- A private midwifery group practice
- 3 Endorsed midwives working in a caseload model
- Providing care for up to 40 birthing women/year across the full scope of practice from beginning of pregnancy to 6 weeks postpartum
- Women birthing at AHS, KEMH or at home
- Future plans for FSH and Osborne Park Hospital
QUESTIONS

ULTIMATE CARE FOR MOTHERS & THEIR FAMILIES IN A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT.