

# Legislative and Policy Committee

## Goals:

- Promote and protect midwifery, perinatal health and health equity in WA state
- Support national efforts to increase access to midwives and the midwifery model of care



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## Efforts:

- Influence policy change
- Educate our elected officials including at our annual Midwife Lobby Day
- Communicate the concerns and needs of midwives & families to the Department of Health, the Midwifery Advisory Committee and third party payors



# 2020 Policy Accomplishments

## Supported Passage of the following Bills:

- HB 2266 prohibits employers from requiring written certification for accommodations to express human milk
- SB 6034 extends the time allowed to file a complaint with the human rights commission for a claim related to pregnancy discrimination from 6 months to 1 year

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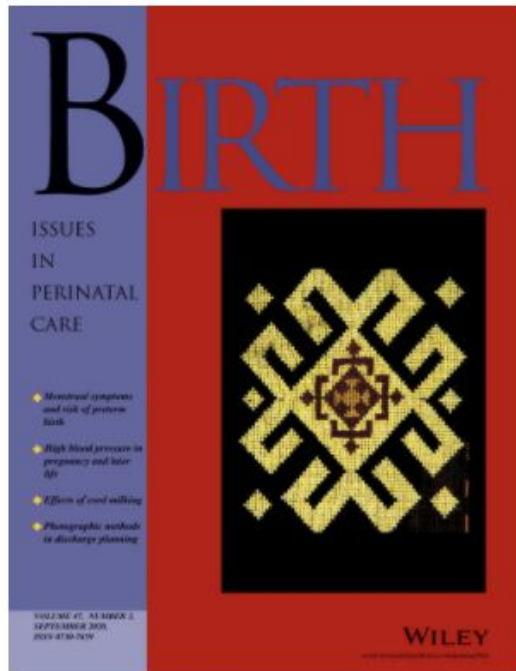
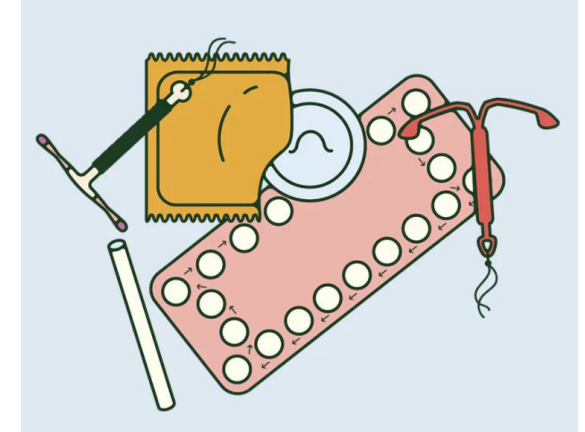
## Supported Bills:

- SB 6128 would have extended Medicaid coverage for pregnant and PP people from 60 days post-pregnancy to one year, post-pregnancy, specifically for those only eligible for Medicaid because of pregnancy (*Passed then vetoed due to pandemic*)
- SB 6523 would allow families the opportunity to have a birth certificate (and not just a death certificate) if they give birth to a stillborn child (*Stayed in Senate*)
- **Convened Focus Groups** to gather member input



# Looking Ahead: Legislative and Policy Committee

**2021:** Introduce a Bill to enable LMs who wish to complete additional training, the ability to obtain & administer hormonal and non-hormonal contraception & antibiotics for common perinatal infections

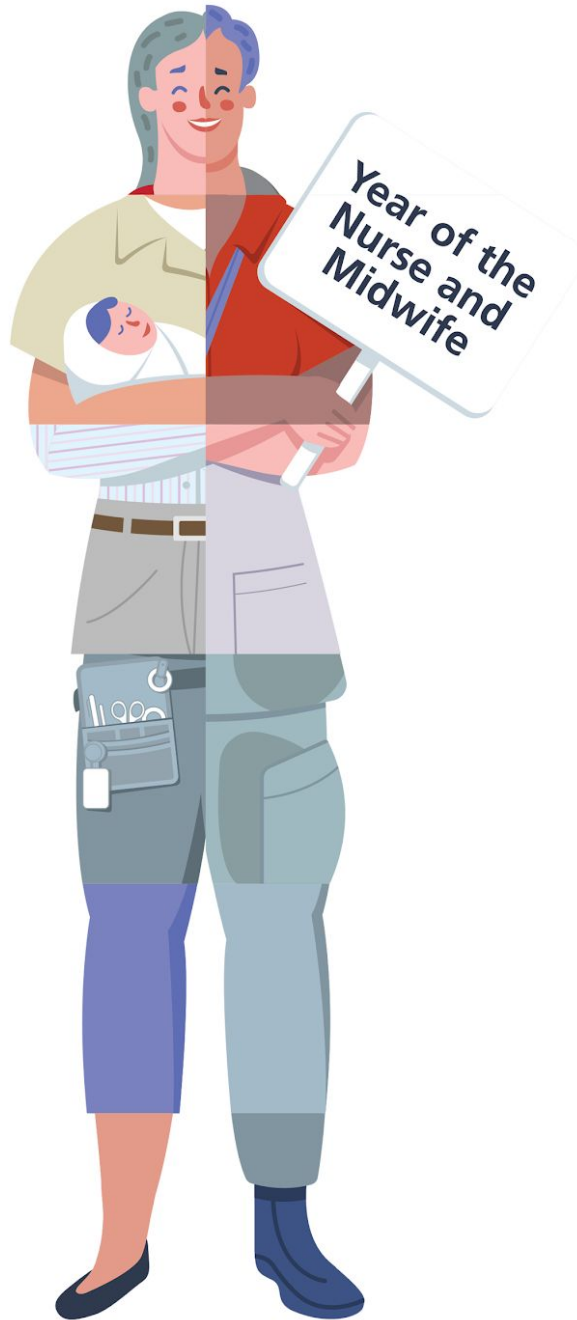


Medication Access & Midwifery Integration: An Example of Community Midwifery Advocacy for Access in Washington State, USA

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**Work towards** proposing a rule change to allow clients to choose a VBAC in Birth Centers



# Calls for Action

- Learn about our Legislative Agenda @ Webinar
- Join us for Annual Midwife Lobby Day  
Mid-February every year!
- Be on alert for updates re: federal bills including the Momnibus!
- Come Be a Part of Our Team! Thursdays @ 9am  
[info@washingtonmidwives.org](mailto:info@washingtonmidwives.org)



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