

Families Deserve Timely Access to the Quality Care they Need

By: Midwives' Association of Washington State

WE WANT FAMILIES TO HAVE WHAT THEY NEED WHEN THEY LEAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THEIR LICENSED MIDWIFE

Help us Remove current gaps to increase access & improve routine care

Families who choose midwives for their care, especially those living in underserved rural and urban shortage areas, benefit

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Reduce Barriers to Care & Equity

Help us Increase Preventative Care

Increase Access

& options

Why support a sunrise review of these proposed changes to the law?

Requires additional didactic and skills-based training for midwives who want to offer these services

Other health professions employ this approach to practice updates

Consultation and referral will still be employed for refractory or complicated cases



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In 2016, the Health Care Authority found

\$1.9 million

in cost savings to Medicaid by Licensed Midwives...
ANNUALLY.

(We speculate these cost savings have only grown in the last 4 years.)

2021 Legislative Agenda

- Keep the **cap on midwife professional licensing fees** at \$525
*as noted in the Governor's Budget
- We are seeking a **Sunrise Review** to update the midwifery law to increase access & options to meet the needs of the childbearing population in WA State. Support our bill in 2022!

Website
www.washingtonmidwives.org

Reduce costs and barriers to care by

Eliminating unnecessary additional visits with another provider

Clients might not attend an additional visit with another provider due to cost or insurance obstacles, time, inconvenience, transportation barriers, or new provider trust issues

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Other 2021 Bills MAWS Supports

SB 5068

Extends Medicaid coverage for pregnant and postpartum people from 60 days post-pregnancy to one year, post-pregnancy

HB 1031/SB 5072

Certificate of "birth resulting in stillbirth"

SB 5140

Protecting pregnancy and miscarriage-related patient care