

OPEN SESSION AGENDA
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of May 2, 2025, Open Session Committee meeting minutes
3. Status update regarding the Direct Entry Midwifery Renewal Application, Notice of Renewal, and Reinstatement Applications for the upcoming renewal cycle
4. Status update regarding the joint statement on Planned Home Births with the Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Bureau and Maternal (link below)
<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/mch/Pages/home.aspx>
5. Legislative updates
 - **House Bill 664**-Clarifies that the State Board of Nursing may deny a license or grant a license, including a license subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, if an applicant for a license to practice direct-entry midwifery or a licensed direct-entry midwife violates a ground for discipline.
Signed by the Governor on 5/6/2025; **effective 10/1/2025.**
 - **House Bill 838**- Alters the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives; providing that the practice of direct-entry midwifery is independent and not does not require oversight by another health care practitioner; repealing the requirement that licensed direct-entry midwives report certain information to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; altering the disciplinary actions that may be taken against a licensed direct-entry midwife or an applicant for a license; etc.
Signed by the Governor on 5/20/2025; **effective 6/1/2025.**
 - **House Bill 1380**- Requires the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, to adopt regulations establishing minimum perinatal care standards for hospitals that meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards for each hospital that provides obstetrical services; and requiring each hospital that provides obstetrical services and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards.
Signed by the Governor on 5/20/2025; **effective 10/1/2025.**
 - Proposed regulations for COMAR **10.05.02** provided by Joanne "Josie" Ogaitis, MS, RN, and Chief Nurse at the Maryland Office of Health Care Quality Program are provided in the link below. (Please note that the comment period ends on June 16, 2025.)
<https://health.maryland.gov/ohcq/Pages/Regulations/Regulations.10.05.02.aspx>

6. Committee assignments

- Subcommittee report

7. Public Business

8. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is July 11, 2025