

~~1. A medical facility or clinic that is operated on a nonprofit basis;~~

~~2. A health center that operates on a campus of an institution of higher education; or~~

~~3. A public health facility, a medical facility under contract with a State or local health department, or a facility funded with public funds.~~

~~§ 602.~~

~~(A) The practice of nurse midwifery is governed by rules and regulations that are adopted under § 8-205 of this title and that concern additional acts in the practice of registered nursing.~~

~~(B) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE A CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE TO HAVE A SIGNED WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE THAT DESCRIBES THE FUNCTIONS AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE.~~

~~§ 602.1.~~

~~ON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A NURSE-MIDWIFE BY THE AMERICAN MIDWIFERY CERTIFICATION BOARD, INC. SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD A COPY OF THE WRITTEN PRACTICE GUIDELINES REQUIRED BY THE STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES.~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) The State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Physicians shall conduct a joint study to determine whether there is an appropriate alternative written protocol to replace the current requirement for a certified nurse-midwife to have a signed written collaborative agreement with a licensed physician.

(b) The Boards shall conduct the study in collaboration with:

(1) The Obstetrical and Gynecologic Society of Maryland;

(2) The Maryland Hospital Association; and

(3) The American College of Nurse-Midwives, Maryland Chapter.