Memorandum

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Carrie D. Bright
AMCB Executive Director
Re: Clarification of Certification in Nurse-Midwifery (CNM) and Midwifery (CM)

1. Prior to 1991, the certification exam was managed by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), and certification did not have an expiration date.
2. In 1991 the responsibility for the certification of nurse-midwives was transferred to a newly established independent organization, the ACNM Certification Council, Inc. (ACC). From 1991 through 1995, these certificates were also granted as lifetime certificates, i.e. no expiration date.
3. Effective January 1, 1996, all certificates issued by ACC were time-limited, and expired in 8 years. Participation in the ACC Certificate Maintenance Program (CMP) was and is mandatory for recertification.
4. Effective in 2005, ACC’s name was legally changed to the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB).
5. Effective January 1, 2011 all certificates, including those granted by ACNM and ACC as “lifetime” certificates, will be transitioned to time-limited certificates, with a recertification cycle of 5 years.
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Mr. Roeder:

The American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) is responsible for the certification of certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives in the United States. Prior to 1996, CNMs were issued a life-time certificate. Since that time, all newly certified midwives have been required to participate in AMCB's Certificate Maintenance Program, and have been issued time-limited certificates.

In October 2009 we notified you that in response to the health care arena's growing demand for currency and the requirements put forward in the recent Consensus Report on Model APRN regulation, AMCB moved that, effective January 1, 2011, all active CNMs and CMs will be required to participate in the Certificate Maintenance Program, and their certificates will be time-limited. We are simply contacting you now to reiterate this policy change in hopes of alleviating any confusion.

Please feel free to contact me, Carrie Bright (cbright@amcbmidwife.org), AMCB Executive Director, with any questions you may have regarding this change.

Sincerely,

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