

1 **SUBJECT:** Midwife

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3 **SUBMITTED BY:** Heather Aguirre, DO – District 18

4 **REFERRED TO:** Professional Affairs Committee

5 WHEREAS, a "certified nurse midwife" in the State of Texas is a RN that has earned a qualifying
6 Master's Degree or higher in nurse-midwifery; and

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8 WHEREAS, following licensure as a registered nurse, the nurse desiring to function as a certified
9 nurse midwife should be certified rather than licensed as a certified nurse midwife; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) position is that certified nurse
12 midwives should only function in an integrated practice arrangement under the direction and
13 responsible supervision of a practicing, licensed physician qualified in maternity care; now,
14 therefore be it

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16 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) advocates for proper
17 training programs to prepare certified nurse midwives to provide integrated care with physician
18 oversight and that these training programs are constantly monitored to assure the quality of
19 training provided; and, be it further

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21 RESOLVED, that TOMA supports the concept of patient and third-party payment for services of
22 certified nurse midwives where services are provided in an integrated practice arrangement.

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