

# Board of Alternative Health Care



The Board of Alternative Health Care issued final rules in MAR 24-111-28 on August 26, 2023 to implement legislation from the 2023 session. The adoption contains changes relating to the formulary list for Naturopathic Physicians and Midwives as well as changes relating to midwife-attended home births.

The new and amended rules directly affect all licensees under the Board of Alternative Health Care. The Board encourages you to review MAR 24-111-28 in its entirety, including reasonable necessity statements explaining the basis for the Rules listed below.

## For Naturopathic Physicians:

- 24.111.502 Licensing by Examination
- 24.111.503 Licensing of Applicants by Endorsement
- 24.111.511 Naturopathic Physician Formulary List

## For Midwives:

- New Rule I (24.111.614) – Educational Requirements for Administration of Drugs
- New Rule II (24.111.615) – Obtaining, Storing, and Disposing of Drugs
- New Rule III (24.111.616) – Use of Formulary Drugs
- New Rule IV (24.111.617)– Circumstances Constituting a Low Risk of Adverse Birth Outcomes
- 24.111.610 High Risk Pregnancy: Conditions Requiring Primary Care by a Physician
- 24.111.611 Conditions Which Require Physician Consultation or Transfer of Care

## For all Licensees:

- 24.111.2301 Unprofessional Conduct

Rules regarding naturopathic physicians and midwife-attended home births are in immediate effect. Provisions relating to the midwife endorsement to obtain and administer certain drugs take effect on October 1, 2023. As of that date, qualified midwives will need to apply electronically to obtain the endorsement. Published versions of the proposal and final adoption are available now on the Board's rules webpage, [here](#) and directly from the Secretary of State's website, [here](#).

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