

COMMUNITY BIRTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

How EMS Can Collaborate With Community Midwives and Hospitals
to Ensure Safe, Respectful Patient Care

- 1 Complete this form to join CMQCC's statewide community birth transfer quality improvement (QI) initiative!
- 2 The CMQCC team will contact you to set up a one-hour info session about community midwives and community birth in California, as well as the Community Birth Partnership Initiative (CBPI). Invite your department/co-workers to take part in this session.
- 3 Connect with hospitals within your service area that are participating in the Initiative. CMQCC will assist in identifying participating sites and include you in a workgroup.
- 4 CMQCC will also facilitate an introduction to community midwives in your local area. After this introduction, reach out to them and ask how you might partner to improve transfer of care (e.g., joint learnings and simulations).
- 5 Participate in quarterly transfer QI sessions along with community midwives and hospital teams. During these meetings, transfer processes are reviewed, and areas of improvement are identified. EMS plays a crucial role in these committees and add valuable insight to these discussions.
- 6 Work with your local partner agencies to align policies to improve patient transfer from community birth to the hospital. Significant QI in community birth transfers can be achieved through collaboration between all service providers involved in the process. Large-scale strategies to enhance maternal and newborn transfers from community settings to hospitals benefit those we serve by enhancing the safety of care and supporting patient choice.



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