



ILLINOIS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Urge a “NO” vote on SB 3712 as amended

Senate Bill 3712 as amended would license midwives and allow them to provide unsupervised home birthing services.

Why are family physicians opposed?

- As amended, SB 3712, midwives would be able to dispense and administer drugs with only minimal training in pharmacology.
- This bill that would allow inadequately trained individuals to ***independently*** provide one of the most critical services to Illinois women.
- Certified midwives would be allowed to take histories, perform physicals, provide prenatal care, dispense drugs, treat hemorrhages and other emergencies, and treat the infant and woman postpartum. All of these responsibilities are medical in nature and should only be performed by the professionals who are adequately trained to do so.
- A "certified nurse midwife" title should be reserved for those who undergo specific training programs following attainment of an R.N. license.
- Certified nurse midwives should only function in an integrated practice arrangement under the direction and responsible supervision of a practicing, licensed physician qualified in maternity care.

CALL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TODAY and urge them to OPPOSE SB 3712 AS AMENDED!

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