



**Midwifery Council of New Brunswick**

**Conseil de l'Ordre des sages-femmes  
du Nouveau-Brunswick**

## **Policy: Interprovincial Emergency Transfers**

At times, there may be situations in which a person receiving midwifery care is required to transfer to the nearest hospital in an emergency situation. Sometimes that closest hospital is across jurisdictional lines to another province.

In the context of the *Midwifery Act* section 35, the Midwifery Council of New Brunswick (MCNB) sees no issue with the transfer of clients to another province during an emergency, in order to provide the utmost care and safety to the client.

MCNB recognizes labour mobility in that those providing care must be Registered Midwives in their jurisdiction and eligible for registration in New Brunswick. Midwives are primary care providers and therefore the most responsible provider (MRP) in this transfer situation. They are to work to their full scope of practice while transporting by ambulance. Upon arrival at the hospital, the care is immediately transferred to the awaiting physician.

**See also** MCNB's Guidelines: Emergency Transport to Hospital from a Planned Home Birth