

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.20701 General definitions and principles of construction.**

Sec. 20701.

(1) As used in this part:

(a) "Certified nurse midwife" means an individual who is licensed as a registered professional nurse under part 172 who has been granted a specialty certification in the health profession specialty field of nurse midwifery by the Michigan board of nursing under section 17210.

(b) "Freestanding birth center" means a facility that provides midwifery care for normal deliveries, well-person reproductive and sexual health care, extended postpartum care, and newborn care, that is within the scope of practice of the health care provider. Freestanding birth center does not include a hospital or freestanding surgical outpatient facility.

(c) "Health care provider" means any of the following:

(i) A physician.

(ii) A physician's assistant licensed under part 170 or 175.

(iii) A certified nurse midwife.

(iv) A midwife.

(d) "Midwife" means that term as defined in section 17101.

(e) "Midwifery care" means the practice of midwifery as that term is defined in section 17101 by a midwife and the practice of nursing by a certified nurse midwife.

(f) "Physician" means that term as defined in section 17001 or 17501.

(g) "Social determinants of health" means the social and economic conditions that influence individual and group differences in health status.

(2) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 201 contains definitions applicable to this part.

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