



Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS)

## MAKING THE CASE FOR MOTHER-FRIENDLY BIRTH PRACTICES, SUMMARY\*

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*The Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative*, drafted in 1996, was a consensus document ahead of its time. Since then, research, professional guidelines, state-wide health care directives, hospital systems, health care quality improvement initiatives and federal and state-level maternity care legislation have identified many aspects of the MFCI and the *Ten Steps of the Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative* as key factors to improving maternal-infant health outcomes. The MFCI is aligned with current maternity care QI efforts.

### Health Initiatives and Recommendations that Reflect the MFCI

Name of Organization	Name of Document	MFCI Principals and Steps
ACOG, AAP, AAFP, ACNM, AWHONN, SMFM	Quality Patient Care in Labor and Delivery: A Call to Action	Normalcy of Birthing Process, Empowerment, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 2, 3, and 5
Institute of Medicine	Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the Twentieth Century	Empowerment, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility
U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services	Healthy People 2020, Maternal, Infant and Child Health	Evidence shows that the following can help meet HP2020 goals: Step 1, 4, 5 and 6.
Childbirth Connection	Evidence-based Care: What It Is and What It Can Achieve. Carol Sakala and Maureen P. Corry, authors.	Normalcy of Birthing Process, Empowerment, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10
California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative	Cesarean Deliveries, Outcomes and Opportunities for Change in California: Toward a Public Health Agenda for Maternity Care Safety and Quality. E.K. Main et al.	Empowerment, Normalcy of the Birthing Process, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8
National Quality Forum (NQF)	NQF Voluntary Consensus Standards for Perinatal Care	Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 6 and 10. Evidence shows that the following can help meet NQF goals: Step 1, 4, and 7
National Priorities Partnership	Perinatal and Reproductive Health Endorsement Maintenance: Technical Report, 2012.	Step 6 and 10
Joint Commission	Joint Commission Perinatal Care Core Measure Set	Step 6 and 10. Evidence shows that the following can help meet the JC goals: Step 1 and 4.
March of Dimes, Leapfrog Group	Elimination of Non-medically Indicated (Elective) Deliveries Before 39 Weeks	Step 6. Evidence shows that the following can help meet their goals: Step 1 (midwifery care).

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## Legislative Initiatives and Policies Reflect the MFCI

Legislative Initiatives and Policies	MFCI Principles and Recommendations
U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau, M. C. Lu, MD, MS, MPH, Director	Normalcy of Birth, Autonomy, Empowerment, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 1, 3, 5, 6 and 10
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590)	Normalcy of the Birthing Process, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10
MOMS for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Act (H.R. 2141)	Normalcy of Birth, Empowerment, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Step 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10
Maternal Health Accountability Act (H.R. 894)	Responsibility, Step 2
Partnering to Improve Maternity Care Quality Act of 2010 (H.R. 6437)	Empowerment, Autonomy, Do no Harm, Responsibility
Access to Certified Professional Midwives Act of 2011 (H.R. 1054)	Normalcy of Birth, Empowerment, Autonomy, Responsibility, Step 1, 2, 3 and 5

## National, State and Hospital Quality Improvement Initiatives Reflect the MFCI

Quality Improvement Initiatives	MFCI Principles and Recommendations
Childbirth Connection. <i>Transforming Maternity Care: 2020 Vision for a High-Quality Maternity Care System and Blueprint For Action</i>	Normalcy of the Birth Process, Empowerment, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10
San Francisco General Hospital, CA. <i>Early Skin-to-Skin After Cesarean.</i>	Step 3, 5, 8 and 10
Sutter Health, CA. <i>First Pregnancy and Delivery Quality OB Improvement Project.</i>	Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 6
Michigan Health & Hospital Association Keystone Center-Obstetrics	“Michigan Keystone OB (project) supports the Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative.”
West Virginia Perinatal Partnership-First Baby Clinical Initiative	Autonomy, Empowerment, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 1, 4, 6 and 7.
New Hampshire Patient Voices Project	Empowerment, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 2, 3, 6, and 10.
Hospital Corporation of America	Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 5 and 6
Intermountain Healthcare	Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 5 and 6
Vermont/New Hampshire VBAC Project	Empowerment, Autonomy, Do No Harm, Responsibility, Step 2, 5 and 6.

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