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Every woman has a right to have a home birth or to choose a birthing center. We encourage our families to understand the risks involved, ask questions and become informed before making a final decision. Please feel free to call or schedule a prenatal appointment to speak directly with one of our physicians.

We have included below The American Medical Association's policy regarding home deliveries and birthing centers:

#### **H-245.971 Home Deliveries**

Our AMA: (1) supports the recent American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) statement that "the safest setting for labor, delivery, and the immediate post-partum period is in the hospital, or a birthing center within a hospital complex, that meets standards jointly outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and ACOG, or in a freestanding birthing center that meets the standards of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, The Joint Commission, or the American Association of Birth Centers"; and (2) supports state legislation that helps ensure safe deliveries and healthy babies by acknowledging that the safest setting for labor, delivery and the immediate post-partum period is in the hospital, or a birthing center within a hospital complex, that meets standards jointly outlined by the AAP and ACOG, or in a freestanding birthing center that meets the standards of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, The Joint Commission, or the American Association of Birth Centers. (Res. 205, A-08)

We agree that providing the safest setting for both baby and mother is important. We also believe that all babies should receive the standard hearing evaluation as well as the mandatory newborn metabolic screen and preventative treatments at birth. We can provide a hearing screen in our office if necessary.

We look forward to providing pediatric care for your family for the next 25 years.

Sincerely