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Consultation feedback:

Hi,

I think the draft looks good. I agree with the criteria that have been removed. I prefer OPTION 2- for changes to be made.

As for your questions- I do not think midwives should have to be working across the full scope of midwifery practice in order to be eligible for endorsement. I think midwives should be able to be endorsed and only provide antenatal and postnatal services, for example. I am not sure how I feel about having a specific notation on her registration stating this. I personally think that it is up to the midwife to practice within her scope of experience and practice and that this doesn't need to be stated- simply because this status may change. She may deliver antenatal care for 1 year and then move on to doing postnatal care another year. Having a notation on the registration may imply that the midwife is incapable of delivering that aspect of care, which I do not believe is true; it simply means she may need to update herself before doing it again.

Additionally, I do not work in private practice yet have completed the prescribing course at Griffith. I would like to see an addit to the draft allowing midwives to prescribe and order pathology within the hospital setting (obviously with hospital approval), as do nurse practitioners.

Good work and thanks for allowing us to comment.

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