



Midwifery Education Accreditation Council

Setting the Standards for Midwifery Education

MEAC MEMBER SCHOOLS LETTER #4

NARM'S SECOND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIFIC SKILLS

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Dear MEAC Member Schools:

NARM eligibility requirements specify that all candidates for certification are required to have a second signature for certain specified clinical skills:

- a. Basic maternal physical exam
- b. Routine prenatal exam
- c. Newborn exam
- d. A 4-6 week postpartum check-up

NARM has stated that other non-invasive skills can be substituted for the postpartum assessment at 24 hours or 4-6 weeks. MEAC-accredited schools are offered a choice of skills from the following list:

- Drawing up medication from a single and multi-dose vial and intramuscular injection
- Setting up and administering oxygen
- Sterile technique including hand washing, gloving and ungloving, and preparing a sterile field

If you choose to adjust your requirements to include this option, you will still need to document the second signature of supervision and keep a record of that documentation as you've had to do for the other skills listed above.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bitonti Stewart