

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) affirms the American Medical Association (AMA) position on obstetrical care and deliveries as follows:

The AMA (1) believes that obstetrical deliveries should be performed in properly licensed, accredited, equipped and staffed obstetrical units; (2) believes that obstetrical care should be provided by qualified and licensed personnel who function in an environment conducive to peer review; (3) believes that obstetrical facilities and their staff should recognize the wishes of women and their families within the bounds of sound obstetrical practice; and (4) encourages public education concerning the risks and benefits of various birth alternatives.

AUTHORITY

South Dakota State Medical Association Council of Physicians, 11/30/2007; Reaffirmed by South Dakota State Medical Association Board of Directors, 11/5/2020.

American Medical Association (Res.23, A-78; Reaffirmed: CLRPD Rep. C, A=89; Reaffirmed: Sunset Report, A-00).