

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) believes 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 the standards jointly outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), or a freestanding birth center that meets the standards of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, the Joint Commission, or the American Association of Birth Centers.

The SDSMA supports legislation that helps ensure safe deliveries and healthy babies in accordance with this statement.

AUTHORITY

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