

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to express my concerns regarding homebirth and medicare. Homebirth must be included in Medicare funding and indemnity arrangements. This will not so much affect city women and their families but will affect rural women to an incredibly high degree. I had 3 homebirths as we have no other options here in our rural town except hospital.

For me who had low risk pregnancies hospital was not the place for me to birth. I chose to have NO intervention. NO drugs. Nothing. If I went to hospital I would have been very uncomfortable which would have affected my ability to birth well. I was not sick. I did not need to be in hospital. I had 3 lovely homebirths which have become very special family memories for all of us.

PLEASE respect everyone's rights to choose and adjust the legislation to include choices for everyone in every geographical location.

Regards

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