

I think it is essential that women have the option of birthing at home. The new bill seems to not cover this, which will likely lead to midwives not offering this service. We have a 5 month old son. We hired a private midwife for the birth and enjoyed thorough care through out pregnancy in the convenience of our home. We went well beyond our due date and our midwife was supportive and informative as we entered the hospital system. I still wanted to brith at home if induction worked in the early stages. It didn't. Jan coached us along and convinced us of the importance of hospital. She helped the midwives in hospital and sheltered me from the myriad of midwives and professionals who came and went during my labour. My birth experience was wonderful. Our 9pound 10ounce boy was delivered without tearing, due to Jan's good management and is vital and healthy (though a little too hungry for my liking). We want to have another baby soon, with the option of birthing at home, but we will not make the July 1 2010 cut off.

Please do not limit our options for health care.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Kathy Vallay