

until the end of the eighth week after birth.

- Demonstrates professional behaviour at all times and promotes a positive image of the profession.
- Keeps clear, legible, and accurate records relevant to midwifery practice.

**Standard 2: The midwife shall function at all times in accordance with the law and any legislative, regulatory, and policy guidelines relevant to registered midwifery practice.**

#### **Competencies**

- Practices within the standards and competencies of the midwifery scope of practice, and the national/ organizational policies and procedures, to protect self, others and the profession.
- Practices in accordance with relevant laws and regulations that govern midwifery practice.
- Practices in a manner that conforms to the Professional Code of Ethics established by the SCFHS and the employer's code of conduct.
- Engages in ethical decision-making with respect to their own professional responsibilities or where ethical issues affect healthcare delivery or clinical decision-making.
- Maintains valid registration and licensure to practice.

**Standard 3: The midwife shall practice and provide midwifery care with consideration of the socio-cultural needs of women and their families.**

#### **Competencies**

- Acts as an advocate, protecting the woman's rights and those her family.
- Maintains confidentiality and follows the established policies of the institution to ensure the security of written, verbal, and electronic client information.
- Respects the woman's right to be fully informed, protecting her right to self-determination and informed consent.
- Respects the woman's right to autonomy, including the right to refuse treatments and clinical investigations.
- Respects and maintains the woman's right to privacy and dignity by providing kind and compassionate care.
- Offers advice and midwifery care sensitively and fairly, respecting the cultural