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SUBJECT: PHILOSOPHY OF MATERNAL/CHILD CARE SERVICES

POLICY:

The maternal/child care services are based on the philosophy of Regional Health Authority Central Manitoba Inc.

Consistent with the philosophy, we believe:

1. Pregnancy is a state of health and childbirth is a normal physiological process.
2. Maternal / child services are family directed.
3. Formal and informal education will assist the family in making informed decisions that will benefit them and the community.
4. Knowledgeable care providers, provide the best possible care of the family throughout labour, delivery, and the post partum period. This is achieved through close assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of care given.
5. The best possible care is provided to the infant and mother by making frequent assessments and reporting events, which could affect the health and development.
6. Strong family relationships throughout the prenatal period are promoted by encouraging participation of all family members in the birthing experience.
7. Understanding, sensitive care is provided by recognizing each family's individual and unique spiritual, emotional, and cultural needs by respecting the rights of each individual family.
8. An interdisciplinary team approach provides for all aspects of the family's care, including referral to appropriate community resources.