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Dear Member,

We are happy to share exciting news! The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) Midwife Sonography Certification exam is ready to be rolled out this coming spring. Applications are being accepted beginning **January 4, 2017** and the exam will be administered from **April 4, 2017 through May 4, 2017**.

The ARDMS exam was postponed in May 2016 because ARDMS received only a small number of applicants which meant we could not build a fair and defensible exam for midwives. A Midwife Task Force that included several midwives who use ultrasound, midwives who do not use ultrasound, a sonographer and a Maternal-Fetal Medicine sonographer was formed to look at exam eligibility requirements, and other aspects of the assessment that were barriers for midwives to achieve a certification, in order to ensure that the exam was commensurate with midwifery scope of practice.

As a result of the collaboration between ARDMS and the task force, updated eligibility requirements were developed that accurately reflect midwifery scope of practice which should enable more midwives to become eligible to take the exam. With more midwives taking the exam, we're confident the exam process will meet national certification standards for the midwifery community.

ACNM members can review the updated eligibility requirements, certification process, testing locations, and sign up for exam reminders at www.ARDM.org/MW.

Since ARDMS first began working with ACNM in 2013, development of this program has been a highlight for both organizations.

Please remember the following:

- Applications are being accepted beginning **January 4, 2017** and the exam will be administered from **April 4, 2017 through May 4, 2017**.
- Visit www.midwife.org/midwife-sonography-certification for information and resources ACNM has available to help you prepare for the examination, including updates about workshops, exam simulations and other materials.
- Stop by the ARDMS booth at ACNM's Midwifery Works! 2016 Nov. 3-6 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to pick up additional information. ARDMS will also participate in the ACNM Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Chicago May 21-25, 2017.
- ACNM will be hosting 2 webinars to outline the certification process and offer recommendations for preparation for the exam and certification.
- Watch for updates about the ARDMS Midwife Sonography Assessment program and corresponding education resources in Quickening and Quick eNews.
- Sign-up for the ultrasound Pegasus education programs at www.pegasuslectures.com. ACNM's ultrasound education partner has an online exam simulation program, a comprehensive, modular eCourse to teach ultrasound principles, and it offers hands-on training. Frank Miele, president of Pegasus Lectures, will also speak about ultrasound at Midwifery Works! 2016.
- Be sure to have an ongoing study plan to ensure you are ready to take the 2017 Midwife Sonography Certification exam.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the ARDMS Midwife Sonography Certification, please visitwww.ARDM.org/MW or call 1-800-541-9754, extension 1, to speak with an ARDMS customer care representative. For information about education resources, please call ACNM to speak with Eileen Ehudin Beard, ACNM Senior Practice Advisor, at 240-485-1842. ACNM also has resources available in the ACNM online store, ShopACNM, through www.midwife.org .

ARDMS looks forward to accepting applications in January and administering the exam in April and May. ACNM has educational resources available that you can take advantage of as you prepare for the exam.

Thank you for your patience as we partner to build an exam and educational process that will help midwives excel at sonography in their practice.

Sincerely,



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