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Swedish Covenant Medical Group Midwifery Practice Named Only "Triple Aim" Best Practice Group in Illinois

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The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) recently designated Swedish Covenant Medical Group's Midwifery Practice an ACNM Best Practice facility for "Triple Aim" achievement. This recognition acknowledges Swedish Covenant Medical Group's Midwifery Practice as improving population health and patient experience while reducing cost of care associated with midwifery services.

"Our Midwifery Group is proud to have earned a "Best Practice" designation," said Allison Markon, MSN, CNM, co-director of the Midwifery Group which is part of the Swedish Covenant Medical Group (SCMG). "We have

stayed true to our mission of partnering with women to provide a holistic approach to health care through fostering a supportive and empowering atmosphere with open communication."

To earn "Triple Aim" Best Practice, the SCMG Midwifery Group achieved an average primary cesarean birth rate of less than 23.9%, proctored birth rate of less than 11.4% and an exclusive breastfeeding rate within the first 48 hours of more than 81%. The SCMG Midwifery Group was the only midwifery group in Illinois to earn the "Triple Aim" Best Practices designation.

"Our board-certified nurse-midwives strive to provide women with personalized care and education to empower them

to be involved in their own health care," said Katharine Willey, CNM, co-director of the SCMG Midwifery Group. "We are pleased that our practice continues to exceed national measures in many important areas of childbirth and that this recognition helps make our program more visible to our community."

Swedish Covenant Medical Group's board-certified nurse-midwives, specializing in pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum and well-woman care, partner with women to empower them to be involved in their health care through education and communication.

Meet the Swedish Covenant midwives on September 29. Click for more details: <http://swedish-covenant.org>