The original purpose of the Failed Access to Resources Report Form was to respond to the Medical Board’s request for information from midwives when they or clients are denied access to care or resources such as ultrasounds and medications.

After the first year of AB1308’s implementation and a few bumps and glitches CAM was subsequently encouraged by MBC to advocate for ourselves as a trade organization to get some of these issues resolved ourselves. This has been successful for most of the issues related to acquiring medications.

Related to ultrasound service referrals: please continue to report refusals, but know that we have not developed a plan to resolve the issues. It is helpful that you report such problems so that we can keep an overall pulse on the situation as we develop strategies for integrating ourselves better into the overall health care system.

These reports will be collected and a summary reported to the Medical Board at the 1/4ly Midwifery Advisory Council Meetings.

Also, take the time to communicate with uncooperative care-providers or vendors. Hear their concerns, answer their questions and provide any supporting information that might enlist their cooperation. Part of such communication will include providing a copy of AB1308 and asking if they’d like to see your practice guidelines. Ask them what might need to happen or be in place for them to provide the service or access to the resource you or your client is seeking.

If a vendor will not fill your order for medications in scope of practice, ask to speak to the verification department. Point them to the medical board website summary of the LMPA that includes language from AB1308: “Licensed midwives are authorized to directly obtain supplies and devices, obtain and administer drugs and diagnostic tests, order testing, and receive reports that are necessary to the practice of midwifery and consistent with his or her scope of practice.” They might ask you to fax it to them. Then ask them to clear your account for ordering such medications. This is usually all that needs to be done.

Smaller out of state providers are recently deciding it is not worth the expense to renew or obtain dispensing licenses for California (i.e. Cascade and ORION).

Instructions: Complete all information on the form and forward to CAM at the contact information provided on the form. Stick to the facts and report objectively. Call and vent to me if you need to (Rosanna), but try to minimize reporting your opinions or emotional responses on the form.

Include a second page if there is additional information you’d like to provide.
Incident Report
-- Licensed Midwife communication to MAC via CAM --
Obstacles to Resources for providing appropriate care:

Midwife name:

Midwife address:

Midwife phone number:

Midwife email address:

Today’s date:

Date(s) of incident:

Resource client or midwife denied access to:

- Lab account
- Oxygen refill
- Emergency medication(s): _______________
- Rhogam
- Ultrasound referral
- Genetic screening / counseling services
- Other: ________________________________

Name of company and/or provider that withheld access (include name, address, phone, email, and fax#):

Please explain and/or provide supporting detail:

Submit to: CAM Central Office, PO Box 586, Coarsegold, CA 93614 or info@californiamidwives.org or FAX 650/964-2228