

## Home Birth Supplies Program (HBSP)

### Introduction to HBSP Letter for Care Provider

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We are pleased to introduce you to the Home Birth Supplies Program. The Home Birth Supplies Program (HBSP) is a provincial program managed by Perinatal Services BC and funded and administered by the health authorities and their designated HBSP health authority leads. In addition, a provincial advisory committee oversees the HBSP. Care providers who offer home birth, predominantly registered midwives, have access to the HBSP to support the provision of this health service.

**Overview:** The HBSP supplies care providers with the reusable equipment, disposable supplies, medications, instruments and oxygen tanks required to offer home birth services. These items are the property of each health authority and are loaned to the care provider. This program also includes data submission on home births.

**Eligibility:** Care providers granted provisional, active or temporary new graduate privileges (where such program exists) are eligible for the HBSP. Those care providers holding locum privileges are not eligible for the HBSP; however, they will have access to components of the program via the care provider for whom they are providing locum services. It is expected that the locum care provider will use the equipment, supplies, medication, instruments and oxygen tanks of the care provider for whom they are locuming.

**How to join the program:** Please contact the HBSP health authority or site lead associated with the hospital at which you have been granted privileges. In all health authorities there is one person designated as the HBSP HA lead and in some health authorities, hospitals also have a HBSP site lead. For further information please see the attached diagram that will provide the contact details along with an overview of the process for enrolling in the HBSP.

**For care providers who hold privileges elsewhere:** Some care providers will hold privileges at multiple hospital sites; however, only one site will be designated as your primary hospital site for the HBSP. It is through your primary hospital site that you will be connected with the HBSP. If you already have a designated primary hospital site then no further action is required and you will continue to use the oxygen tanks and instruments sets from your primary site. If you plan to change your primary hospital site please contact the HBSP health authority lead.

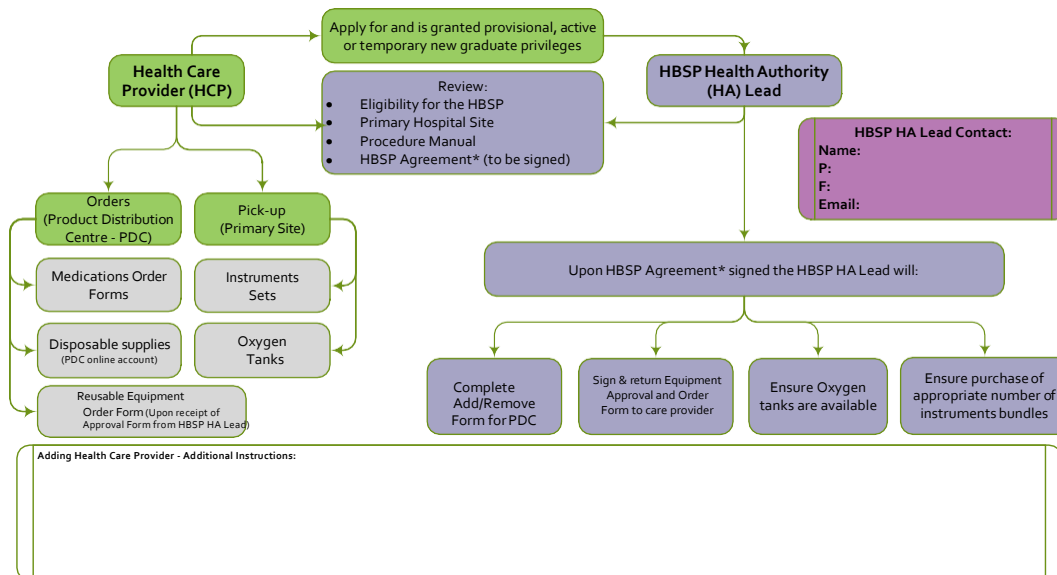
**Further information:** Details of the HBSP will be provided to you by the HBSP health authority lead in your local area. Information is also available [online](#).

Sincerely,

Perinatal Services BC



## Home Birth Supplies Program (HBSP) Adding Health Care Provider

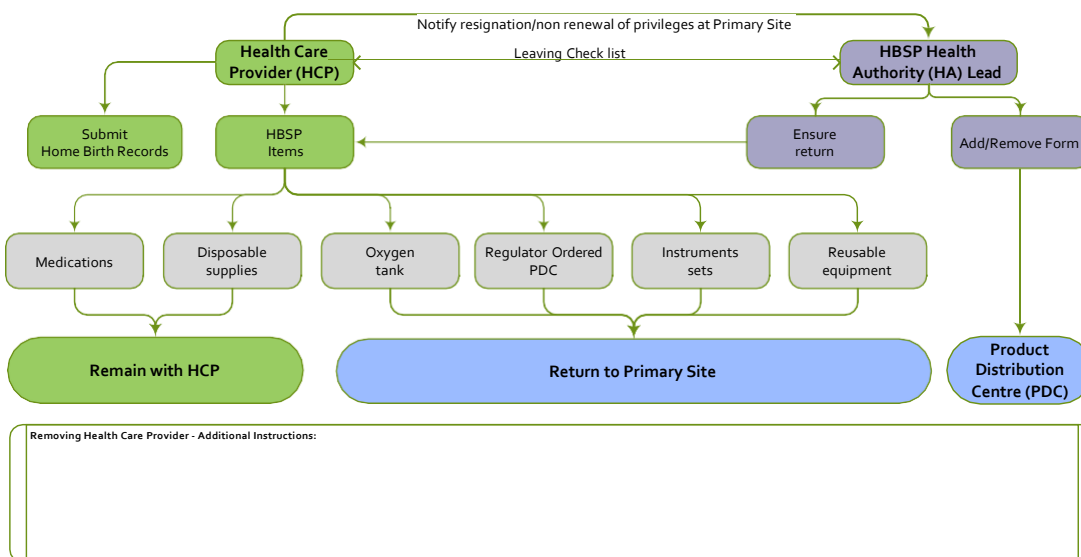


\* Previously called Policy Statement

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## Home Birth Supplies Program (HBSP) Removing Health Care Provider



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