



Talking Points for the Minnesota Healthy Baby Act (HF1413, SF1151)

Bill sponsors are:

HF1413, Rep. Franson

SF1151, Senators Housley, Abeler, Hoffman, Eaton

Licensing IBCLCs for clinical lactation services

For use when speaking to your legislator

1. Introduce yourself and tell your legislator why you are contacting him/her:

I am contacting you today to request your support for the Minnesota Healthy Baby Act. We have a bill that would create a mechanism for clinical lactation consultants to seek licensure. Licensure is important as it protects patients and increases access to quality care for mothers across the state – and in particular for those who cannot afford to pay out-of-pocket for lactation services.

Should you want to provide more information:

- The bill is seeking authors interested in improving access to trained providers for those in greater Minnesota where these providers are least available.
- Lactation Consultants help mothers when infants are born prematurely or at low birth weight, have a C-section birth or when intensive care is needed. Lactation Consultants are often not available to mothers facing such challenges, especially in greater Minnesota.
- Under the Affordable Care Act, Lactation Consultant services are covered by insurance when provided by licensed providers. Licensure will allow providers to submit for reimbursement, enabling Minnesota's birth hospitals and clinics greater access to clinically trained professionals.

2. Tell your legislator why the legislation is important to you, or share a personal story relating to lactation consulting services you provide or have received.

3. Thank your legislator for her or his time. Leave the Healthy Baby Act Fact Sheet.

4. Find out where your legislator stands on the bill and email this information to mbcadvocacy@gmail.com. Contact Stephanie Rodriguez-Moser or Joanne Wesley at the same address if you have questions.