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WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PHYSICIANS

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John Wachtel, MD  
Chair: District IX  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Dear Dr. Wachtel:

In representing the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), we would like to congratulate you and all the contributors involved in the development of the CMQCC "Toolkit to Support Vaginal Birth and Reduce Primary Cesareans". We have had the honor to review this comprehensive toolkit and ACOG strongly supports its dissemination and use to address the efforts at reducing the primary Cesarean delivery rate. The toolkit includes a number of resources that could be implemented, and the plan to disseminate the information via speaker training sessions and site visits to encourage implementation are laudable.

Clearly, the rising Cesarean delivery rate, and particularly the primary Cesarean rate, is concerning to all involved in the provision of women's healthcare, and although here have been a number of efforts nationwide to address this problem, they have been met with mixed success. This excellent resource, and the plan for encouraging awareness and implementation is unquestionably a commendable program to address this issue and should set a benchmark for achieving success in reducing the primary Cesarean delivery rate. We look forward to the program's implementation, and to hear of the future successes.

Again, we express our sincere gratitude and strong support for everyone who had a part in developing this toolkit. Congratulations, and best wishes moving forward!

Sincerely,

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