

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COUNTY OFFICES, GUILDHALL ROAD, NORTHAMPTON

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
C. M. SMITH, M.D.

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TELEPHONE
NORTHAMPTON 5580

9th March, 1959.

Dear Madam,

The Midwives (Amendment) Rules, Approval
Instrument, 1959

1. The above statutory instrument which came into operation on the 9th February, 1959 amends the rules regarding the training of pupil midwives, the conditions under which a midwife may administer an inhalational analgesic and the time limits within which a refresher course should be taken in certain instances.
2. Of these amendments the only one which concerns you relates to the Rules for the administration of inhalational analgesics. This Rule has been amended so that a midwife may not administer an inhalational analgesic by means of an apparatus which has not been approved by the Central Midwives Board or in which she has not had the prescribed training, unless a doctor is actually present at the time.
3. The Central Midwives Board have also issued an amendment notice regarding the use of masks and gloves. A copy of this notice is attached and should be substituted for Notice 3 in the current issue of the handbook.

Yours faithfully,

G.M. SMITH.

County Medical Officer of Health.

To Midwives (including Independent Midwives).