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Standardization of Midwifery Education in Efforts to Improve Professionalism in Midwifery Services in Indonesia

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ABSTRACT

Midwives are part of one health worker who has a strategic role in health development in Indonesia, so that standardized preparation efforts are needed since their education. In connection with the above, continuously efforts have been made to standardize the implementation of midwifery education in Indonesia, which in turn aims to produce midwives who are truly ready to play a role in playing a role in health development especially maternal and child health.

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Health development is essentially directed towards achieving awareness, willingness and ability to live healthily for everyone, which involves physical, mental, and socio-cultural and economic issues. To achieve optimal health, various health efforts are carried out in a comprehensive, directed and sustainable manner. Health education is an important part of health development in order to produce human health resources as a driver of health development.

Midwives are one of the health workers in the health system and have a strategic position in reducing Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Family Planning Services (FP), in an effort to improve the quality of life of women, as well as the fulfillment of rights individuals / communities to regulate their reproductive life, as well as improving the welfare of the community, especially women and children. Midwives in providing services must be able to face changing demands as the community develops and the dynamics of scientific and technological progress.

In accordance with the Decree of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia Number 369 of 2007, a midwife is a woman who graduated from midwifery education, which is recognized by the government and professional organizations in the territory of the Republic of Indonesia, and has the competence and qualifications to participate in registration, certification and / or legally get a license to practice midwifery. Midwives provide holistic, sustainable midwifery services, focusing on prevention and health promotion aspects based on partnership and community empowerment together with other health workers to always be ready to serve anyone who needs it whenever and wherever he is⁽¹⁾.

Midwives are recognized as professionals who have responsibility and accountability in carrying out their roles as partners of women in order to provide support, management, health education and counseling during pregnancy, childbirth and childbirth, lead childbirth on their own responsibilities and provide care to neonates infants and toddlers. This management covers prevention efforts, health promotion, early detection of complications in mothers and children, and implementing emergency actions in the field of midwifery. Midwives have important tasks in health education and counseling for women, families and communities. This activity must include education during the pre-conception, antenatal period and preparation to become parents, and can extend its scope to women's health, and reproductive health.

The development of the roles and functions and competencies of midwives is prepared through education. Midwifery education has developed from vocational education, professional education, and midwifery master's education. Credential midwives that have been developed are vocational midwives who are Diploma III midwifery graduates, level 5 IQF and level 7 KKNi professional midwives. To ensure the quality of graduates, there is a

need for midwifery national standards. The development of midwifery education standards refers to the core document ICM, WHO, Higher Education SN and SPM-PT⁽²⁻⁵⁾.

The purpose of the standardization of midwifery education in Indonesia is used as a guide, planning, implementing, supervising, and evaluating, the implementation of midwifery education in order to improve the quality of midwives, midwifery services to improve public health degrees. So that it can be explained to specific objectives for the determination of Indonesian midwifery education standards are:

1. As a reference in planning midwifery education
2. As a reference in the implementation of midwifery education
3. As a reference in evaluating the quality of the midwifery education process
4. As a reference in accountability to the public
5. Ensure qualified midwifery graduates
6. Strengthening the autonomy of graduates of midwifery education
7. Providing legal protection and certainty to midwives and patients served

To carry out standardized midwifery education, the following legal requirements are required:

1. Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 36 of 2014 concerning Health Workers⁽⁶⁾.
2. Republic of Indonesia Law Number 12 of 2012 concerning Higher Education⁽⁷⁾.
3. Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 36 of 2009 concerning health⁽⁸⁾.
4. Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 14 of 2005 concerning Teachers and Lecturers⁽⁹⁾.
5. Republic of Indonesia Presidential Regulation Number 8 of 2012 concerning the Indonesian National Qualification Framework⁽¹⁰⁾.
6. Permenristekdikti Number 44 of 2015 concerning National Standards for Higher Education⁽⁴⁾.
7. Minister of Health Regulation No. 28 of 2017 concerning Permits and Organizers of Midwife Practices⁽¹¹⁾.
8. Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia Number 369 of 2007 concerning Midwife Professional Standards⁽¹⁾.
9. ICM Global Standards for midwifery Education 2010 amended 2013⁽²⁾.
10. WHO: Global standards for The Initial Education of Professionals Nurses and midwives⁽³⁾.
11. Matrix of accreditation for Midwifery Diploma-III Study Program from LAM PTKes 2014⁽¹²⁾.
12. Guidelines for Higher Education Quality Assurance System from Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education⁽⁵⁾.

With the standardization of the implementation of midwifery education in Indonesia, it is hoped that graduates of midwifery professionals, accountable and qualified can be produced, so that they can contribute to improving midwifery services in Indonesia.

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