



# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

RE: *Care Plan* Simplification

Dear Brothers:

The “*Care Plan for Women in Labour Refusing Blood Transfusion*” has been a helpful aid for the medical community in providing care for our sisters who are pregnant. Up to now the arrangement has been that this should be requested through the local Hospital Liaison Committee (HLC). We are happy to inform you of a simplification to this arrangement.

You may now download the *Care Plan* and related forms from [jw.org](http://jw.org) (under forms, in the document section) and print them locally instead of requesting them through the HLC.

When a publisher informs you that she is pregnant, please use the following procedure:

1. Download and print the following items from [jw.org](http://jw.org):
  - a. *Outline for Discussion of Care Plan with Publisher*
  - b. *Care Plan for Women in Labour Refusing Blood Transfusion* (2 copies)
  - c. *Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies*; Awake article reprint
  - d. *Instructions for use of Care Plan*
2. The body of elders should assign two elders to meet with the sister (and husband, if possible). During the meeting, the two elders should do the following:
  - a. Provide the *Care Plan* as well as the *Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies* article to the sister.
  - b. Use the *Outline for Discussion of Care Plan with Publisher* to discuss with the publisher (and her husband) how to use the *Care Plan*.
  - c. Provide and review the *Instructions for use of Care Plan* together with the sister.

After your discussion with the sister and her husband, they will no doubt be better prepared to obtain good medical care and also uphold Jehovah's law during this happy time of their lives. In addition, we recommend assigning an elder to periodically check with the sister that all is well and that she has followed through with the various aspects of using the *Care Plan*.

Through his organization, Jehovah has made loving provisions to help his servants spiritually, physically and emotionally. Let us take advantage of these provisions for our well-being while we continue to praise and thank our Grand Provider!—Jas. 1:17; Ps. 136:1.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit Overseers  
All Hospital Liaison Committees