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Workplace support for breastfeeding women

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- Seating
- Limits on lifting more than 20 pounds
- Other workplace change requests if advised by a health care provider or doula.

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