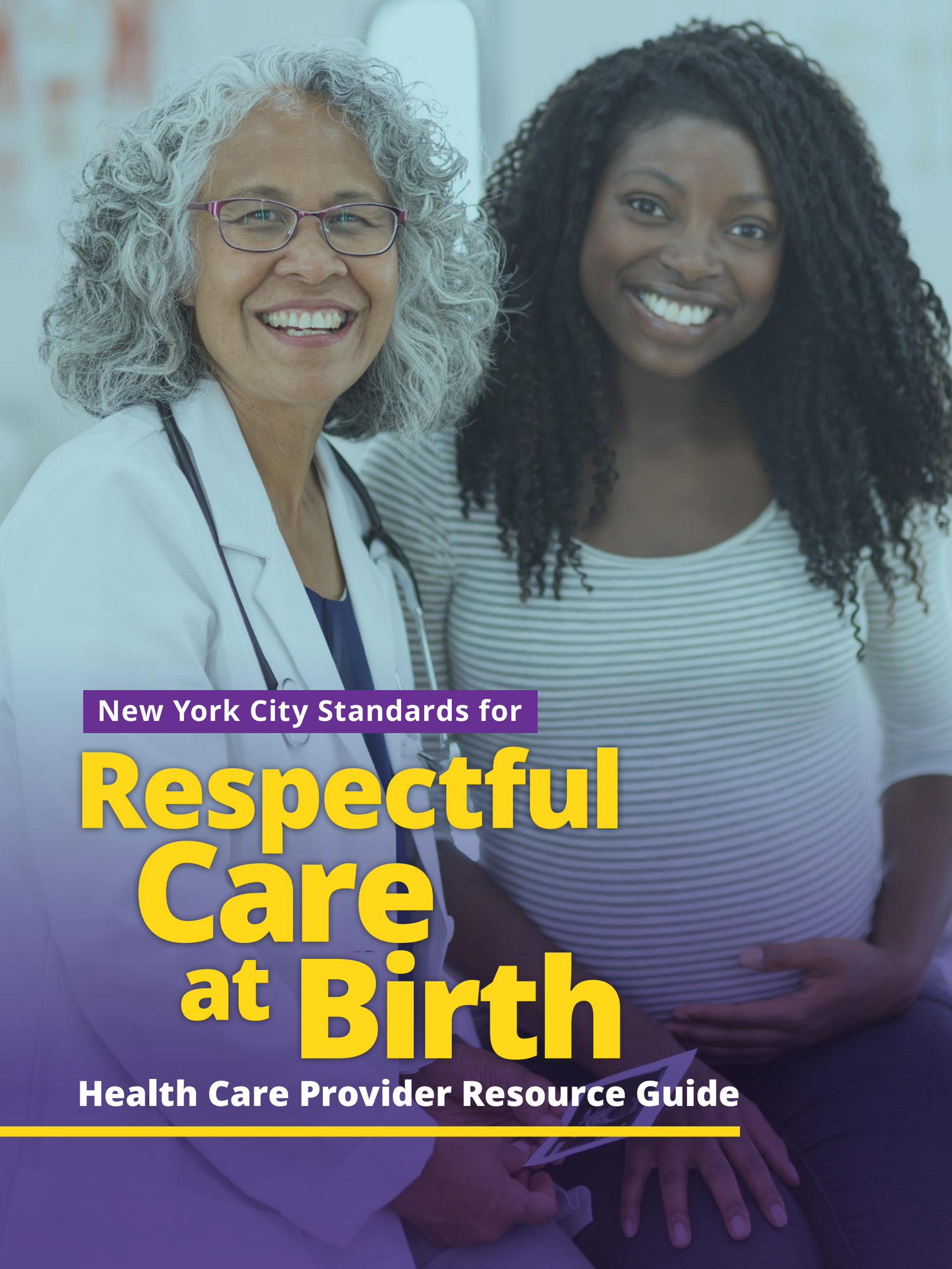

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RESPECTFUL CARE at BIRTH

You have a human right to respectful, safe and quality care during your birthing experience.

EDUCATION

You deserve to ask for and receive simple information that you can easily understand about your health care, health care provider and birthing experience options.

DECISION-MAKING

You deserve to decide what happens with your body and to make decisions for your baby.

SUPPORT

You deserve to receive support during pregnancy, labor and childbirth, as well as after childbirth.

INFORMED CONSENT

You deserve to know and make your own decisions about all of your medical procedures. This is called “informed consent” and is a legal right.

QUALITY OF CARE

You deserve the highest-quality health care.

DIGNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION

You deserve to be treated with dignity and respect during pregnancy, labor and childbirth, as well as after childbirth – no matter what.

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