



## MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

### Licensing Program



RE: Licensed Midwives Laboratory Accounts

There has been some confusion as to whether licensed midwives are independently eligible to open lab accounts. This is to clarify it is the position of the Medical Board of California that licensed midwives, as licensed healing arts practitioners, are independently eligible to open laboratory accounts for medical diagnostic testing within their scope of practice, pursuant to Business and Professions Code §1288, which provides:

*"Any person conducting or operating a clinical laboratory may accept assignments for tests only from and make reports only to persons licensed under the provisions of law relating to the healing arts or their representatives."*