

California Code of Regulations
Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations
Division 13. Medical Board of California
Chapter 3. Affiliated Healing Arts
Article 6. Midwife Assistants

§ 1379.01 Licensed Midwife Supervisor

The supervising licensed midwife authorizes the midwife assistant to perform the services referenced in 2516.5(a)(1) of the code, and shall be responsible for the patient's treatment and care.

§ 1379.02 Certification in Neonatal Resuscitation

Each midwife assistant shall maintain current certification in Neonatal Resuscitation. Certification shall be obtained from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

§ 1379.03 Certification in Basic Life Support

Each midwife assistant shall maintain current certification in Basic Life Support. Certification shall be obtained from the American Heart Association or the American Safety and Health Institute.

§ 1379.04 Training in Infection Control

Each midwife assistant shall receive training in the Center for Disease Control "Guidelines for Infection Control in Health Care Personnel" and shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the supervising licensed midwife or instructor that he or she understands the purposes and techniques of infection control.

§ 1379.05 Training to Perform Services

In order to perform the services of a midwife assistant, including technical supportive services, a midwife assistant shall have completed the minimum training as prescribed herein. Training shall be for the duration required by the midwife assistant to demonstrate to the supervising instructor or supervising licensed midwife, as referenced in Section 2516.5(a)(1) of the code, proficiency in the procedures to be performed as authorized by Section 2516.5(b) of the code, where applicable, but shall include no less than:

- (a) Ten (10) clock hours of training in administering injections and performing skin tests, and/or
- (b) Ten (10) clock hours of training in venipuncture and skin puncture for the purpose of withdrawing blood.
- (c) Satisfactory performance of ten (10) each of intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intradermal injections.
- (d) Satisfactory performance of ten (10) skin tests, and/or ten (10) venipunctures and ten (10) skin punctures.
- (e) Two (2) clock hours of training in administering oxygen by inhalation.
- (f) Ten (10) clock hours of satisfactory demonstration of immediate newborn care.

(g) Five (5) clock hours and ten (10) demonstrations of satisfactory placement of the device used for auscultation of fetal heart tones during labor or by simulation.

(h) Five (5) clock hours of midwifery didactic training.

(i) Training in (a) through (h) above, shall include instruction and demonstration in:

(1) pertinent anatomy and physiology appropriate to the procedures;

(2) choice of equipment;

(3) proper technique including sterile technique;

(4) hazards and complications;

(5) patient care following treatment or test;

(6) emergency procedures;

(7) California law and regulations for midwife assistants.

§ 1379.06 Administration of Training

(a) Training required in Section 1379.05 may be administered in either of these settings:

(1) Under a supervising licensed midwife, who shall ascertain the proficiency of the midwife assistant and shall be responsible for determining the content of the training and the proficiency of the midwife assistant; or

(2) In a secondary, postsecondary, or adult education program in a public school authorized by the Department of Education, in a community college program provided for in Part 48 of Division 7 of the Education Code, or a postsecondary institution accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education under Sections 94130 or 94311 of the Education Code. A licensed midwife shall serve as advisor to the midwife assistant training program. The instructor in a public school setting shall possess a valid teaching credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The instructor in a private postsecondary institution shall meet the requirements of Sections 94310 and 94311 of the Education Code and any regulations adopted pursuant to those Sections.

(b) The supervising licensed midwife, pursuant to subsection (a)(1) or the instructor pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall certify in writing the place and date such training was administered, the content and duration of the training, and that the midwife assistant was observed by the supervising licensed midwife, or instructor, to demonstrate competence in the performance of each such task or service, and shall sign and date the certification. More than one task or service may be certified in a single document; separate certifications shall be made for subsequent training in additional tasks or services.

§ 1379.07 Approved Certifying Organizations

(a) An organization that certifies midwife assistants may apply to the division for approval. This application shall include the following information:

(1) Name and address of the applicant;

(2) Applicant's federal employee identification number (FEIN), social security number (SSN), or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN);

(3) Name, address and telephone number of a contact person for the applicant;

(4) Name, address and telephone number of the accrediting organization that accredited the applicant;

(5) Name, address and telephone number of the organization that validated the applicant's certifying examination;

(6) Information sufficient to establish that the certifying organization meets the standards set forth in subsection (b).

(b) For purposes of Section 1379.06, an organization that certifies midwife assistants shall be approved if it meets all of the following standards:

(1) Is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization;

(2) Requires all applicants for certification to successfully complete a psychometrically valid examination that is secure, is occupationally relevant and tests for the skills and procedures outlined in Section 2516.5 of the code;

(3) Has a requirement for certification of a midwife assistant in one or more of the following:

(A) Graduation from a midwife assistant training program accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education;

(B) Graduation from a midwife assistant training program in a postsecondary institution accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or an institution approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education;

(C) A minimum of two (2) years of experience as a practicing midwife assistant within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of examination;

(D) Military training or schooling equivalent to that described in subsections (A) or (B) above;

(E) Employment at the time of certification as an instructor in an accredited midwife assistant program or institution.

(4) Requires its certificate holders to obtain a minimum of 60 hours continuing educations related to the practice of midwife assistants over a 5 year period.

§ 1379.08 Report of Changes by Certifying Organization; Review by Board

(a) An approved certifying organization shall notify the Board within thirty (30) days thereafter of any changes related to the standards contained in Section 1379.05.

(b) The Board shall review each approved certifying body at least once every five (5) years for compliance with the standards set forth in Section 1379.05. The Board may, in its discretion, review any certifying organization that has submitted a notice of changes as required by subsection (a).

§ 1379.09 Permit Processing Times - Approved Certifying Organizations

(a) Within sixty (60) working days of receipt of an application pursuant to Section 1379.07 for an approved certifying organization registration, the Board shall inform the applicant in writing whether it is complete and accepted for filing or that it is deficient and what specific information or documentation is required to complete the application. An application is considered complete if it is in compliance with the requirements of Section 1379.07.

(b) Within 100 calendar days from the date of filing of a completed application, the Board shall inform the applicant in writing of the decision regarding the application for an approved certifying organization registration.

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