

XXXX.1 (a) "Midwife assistant" means a person who may be unlicensed, who performs basic administrative, clerical, and technical supportive services in compliance with this chapter for a licensed midwife and who is at least 18 years of age, and who has had at least the minimum amount of hours of appropriate training pursuant to standards established by the Medical Board of California for a medical assistant pursuant to Section 2069. The midwife assistant shall be issued a certificate by the training institution or instructor indicating satisfactory completion of the required training. A copy of the certificate shall be retained as a record by each employer and the midwife assistant.

(b) "Midwife technical supportive services" means simple routine medical tasks and procedures that may be safely performed by a midwife assistant who has limited training and who functions under the supervision of a licensed midwife.

(c) "Specific authorization" means a specific written order prepared by the supervising midwife authorizing the procedures to be performed on a patient, which shall be placed in the patient's medical record, or a standing order prepared by the supervising midwife authorizing the procedures to be performed. A notation of the standing order shall be placed on the patient's medical record.

(d) "Supervision" means the supervision of procedures authorized under this section or Section XXXX.2 by a licensed midwife, within his or her scope of practice, who is physically present on the premises during the performance of those procedures.

XXXX.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a midwife assistant may do all of the following in any location where the midwife is practicing:

(a) Administer medication only by intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections and perform skin tests and additional technical support services upon the specific authorization and supervision of a licensed midwife.

(b) Perform venipuncture or skin puncture for the purposes of withdrawing blood upon specific authorization and under the supervision of a licensed midwife if prior thereto the midwife assistant has met the educational and training requirements for medical assistants as established in Section 2070. A copy of any related certificates shall be retained as a record by each employer of the assistant midwife and by the midwife assistant.

(c) Perform the following midwife technical support services:

- (1) Administer medications orally, sublingually, topically, vaginally, or rectally, or by providing a single dose to a patient for immediate self-administration, and administer oxygen at the direction of the supervising licensed midwife. In every instance, prior to administration of medication by the midwife assistant, the licensed midwife shall verify the correct medication and dosage.
- (2) Assist in performing neonatal resuscitation for the newly born infant in accordance with training and certification in a neonatal resuscitation program of the American Academy of Pediatrics/American Heart Association.
- (3) Assist in performing basic life support services for the woman in accordance with training and certification in a basic life support services training program of the American Heart Association or a similar program.
- (4) Assist in auscultating fetal heart tones when licensed midwife is engaged in a concurrent activity that precludes the licensed midwife taking them herself
- (5) Collect by noninvasive techniques and preserve specimens for testing, including urine.
- (6) Assist patients with positioning, ambulation, and transfers. May also assist patient in activities of daily living, such as assisting with bathing or clothing.

- (7) As authorized by the licensed midwife, provide patient information and instructions.
- (8) Collect and record patient data, including height, weight, temperature, pulse, respiration rate, blood pressure, and basic information about the presenting and previous conditions.
- (9) Perform simple laboratory and screening tests customarily performed in a medical or midwife office.

(d) Perform additional midwife technical support services under the regulations and standards established by the board through the Midwifery Advisory Council.

XXXX.3 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing the licensure of midwife assistants. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing the administration of local anesthetic agents by a midwife assistant. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing the Medical Board of California to adopt any regulations that violate the prohibitions on diagnosis or treatment in Section 2052.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing a midwife assistant to perform any clinical laboratory test or examination for which he or she is not authorized under Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1200).

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a midwife assistant may not be employed for inpatient care in a licensed general acute care hospital as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.