

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

REPORT DATE: August 16, 2012  
ATTENTION: Midwifery Advisory Committee  
SUBJECT: Revisions to Proposed Regulation - Practice of Midwifery  
1379.24 in Article 3.5 in Chapter 4 of Division 13, Title 16  
California Code of Regulations  
REFERRED BY: Curtis Worden, Chief of Licensing

REQUESTED ACTION:

The proposed regulation pertaining to the Practice of Midwifery, Section 1379.24 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, (CCR) is respectfully submitted to the Midwifery Advisory Council for review and approval. The revised regulation is based on collaborative information provided by members of the public and the midwifery community during the March 29, 2012 Interested Parties Workshop. Legal Counsel and other Board staff reviewed the recommendations and revised the proposed regulation, accordingly. The proposed Practice of Midwifery regulation dated April 5, 2012, is attached. Upon approval, staff requests that the MAC recommend to the Board, that this matter be set for hearing.

BACKGROUND:

Current regulations address the requirements for midwifery education programs (16 CCR 1379.30). The education program must prepare the midwife for the management of a normal pregnancy, labor, and delivery. Midwives often face difficulty in securing supplies such as oxygen, anesthetics, and oxytocics in order to practice safely and effectively.

At the December 13, 2011 Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) meeting, legal counsel presented language for the proposed regulation. The MAC members approved the proposed language with minor edits. At the March 29, 2012 Interested Parties Workshop, recommendations were made that language pertaining to diaphragms and cervical caps should be removed from the language of the regulation and requested adding, "family planning care" instead.

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Practice of Midwifery**  
**Specific Language of Proposed Changes**  
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Adopt new section 1379.24 in Article 3.5 in Chapter 4 of Division 13, Title 16 Cal. Code Regs. to read as follows:

1379.24. Practice of Midwifery

A licensed midwife shall have the authority, limited to the practice of midwifery as defined in section 2507 of the Code, to obtain and administer drugs, immunizing agents, diagnostic tests and devices, and to order laboratory tests. This authority includes, but is not limited to, obtaining and administering intravenous fluids, analgesics, postpartum oxytocics, RhoGAM, local anesthesia, oxygen, local infiltration, vitamin K, eye prophylaxis, and family-planning care.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2018, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2507, Business and Professions Code, and Title 16 Cal.Code Regs. 1379.30.