

First Draft - Regulatory Language (not an official or final version!)

Division of Licensing Medical Board of California Licensed Midwives - Standards of Care

Specific Language of Proposed Changes

The Division of Licensing of the Medical Board of California proposes to adopt regulations in chapter 4 of Division 13 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

1. Add new Article 3.5 after section 1379.15, to read as follows:

Article 3.5 Midwifery Practice

2. Adopt new section 1379.20 in Article 3.5 to read as follows:

1379.20 Standards of Practice for Licensed Midwives

(a) For purposes of Section 2507 (f) of the code, the appropriate standard of care for licensed midwives is that contained in the “ Standard of Care for California Licensed Midwives (September 5, 2005 edition) (“SCCLM”) which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) With respect to the care of a client who has previously had a cesarean section (“C-section”) but who meets the criteria set forth in the SCCLM, the licensed midwife shall provide the client with informed consent that includes but is not limited to all of the following:

(1) ??? Information from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that describe its recommendations for vaginal birth after cesarean section (“VBAC”).

(2) A description of the licensed midwife’s level of **clinical** experience and **any advanced training in the clinical management of VBACs**

(3) The client’s agreement to: provide a copy of the dictated operative report regarding the prior c-section;; to permit increased monitoring during active labor;; to transfer at anytime upon request or if labor does not unfold in a normal manner.

(4) A detailed description of the **material** risks and benefits of VBAC and **elective repeat** Cesarean

(5) A record of VBAC educational material provided to the client

(c) The licensed midwife shall document the informed consent in the client’s **midwifery** record