

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

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ATTENTION: Members, Midwifery Advisory Council
SUBJECT: Written Update on Midwifery Related Legislation and Sunset Review
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report is intended to provide the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) with an update on legislative activity related to licensed midwifery since the prior MAC meeting, including the recently completed Sunset Review of the Medical Board of California (Board). No action is required.

2023 Sunset Review Complete

The Legislature concluded their work last year in mid-September and the Governor finished signing legislation on October 13, 2023.

On September 30, 2023, the Governor signed into law [SB 815 \(Roth\)](#), which was the Board's sunset bill. The bill included various significant changes to the Board's licensing and enforcement programs, which are summarized on [this Board webpage](#). Although the enforcement changes generally apply to all Board licensees, SB 815 did not make any statutory changes that specifically impact licensed midwives (LM).

The Board's current sunset date is January 1, 2028, and is expected to undergo its next sunset review in 2027.

2023 Legislation Related to LMs

[SB 667 \(Dodd\)](#) – This bill was signed into law and made various clarifications and changes to the practice and supervision of certified nurse-midwives (CNM). Further, it expanded the definition of “practitioner” for purposes of whether a CNM or LM may establish medical eligibility for disability benefits from “normal pregnancy or childbirth” to “pregnancy, childbirth, or postpartum conditions consistent with the scope of their professional licensure.”

Legislation Introduced in 2024

On January 3, 2024, the Legislature reconvened following their Fall recess. As of Friday, February 9, 2024, no legislation has been introduced this year that impacts LMs, specifically.