

**Medical Board of California
Physician Supervision of Midwives
Specific Language of Proposed Changes
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Adopt section 1379.23 in Article 3.5 of Chapter 4 of Division 13, Title 16 Cal.Code Regs. to read as follows:

1379.23. Physician Supervision Requirement.

(a) The requirement for physician supervision contained in Section 2507 of the Code is deemed to have been met if the licensed midwife has established an informal, collaborative relationship with at least one physician who meets the requirements of section 1379.22 and who agrees to provide guidance and instructions regarding the care of pregnant women and/or newborns during a normal pregnancy and to provide emergency advice should complications develop.

(b) A physician and surgeon shall not be deemed to have established a business relationship or relationship of agency, employment, partnership, or joint venture with the licensed midwife solely by providing consultation to or accepting a referral from the licensed midwife.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 2018 and 2507(f), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2507, Business and Professions Code.