

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: November 13, 2025
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report
CONTACT: Madeleine Wisner, L.M., Chair

REQUESTED ACTION:

After review and consideration, approve the 2026 MAC meeting dates and the following agenda items for the next MAC meeting, which will be held on January 22, 2026:

- 1) Approval of minutes from the September 11, 2025, MAC meeting;
- 2) Report from the MAC Chair;
- 3) Report from the Task Force on Medi-Cal related issues;
- 4) Update on midwifery-related legislation, if applicable;
- 5) Update on the Midwifery Program;
- 6) Discussion and possible action on providing a presentation to the Board regarding midwifery history and updates; and
- 7) Presentation and Discussion of Licensed Midwife Fund Condition.

UPDATE:

The last MAC meeting was held on September 11, 2025. At this meeting the following actions were taken, and the MAC was provided with the following information:

- Approved meeting minutes from the April 3, 2025, MAC meeting;
- Received an update from the MAC Chair;
- Received an update on midwifery legislation;
- Received an update from the Task Force on Medi-Cal related issues;
- Received an update on the Midwifery Program and Licensed Midwife Annual Report;
- The MAC voted on and approved the following 2026 MAC meeting dates:
 - January 22, April 16, and September 17;
- Received a presentation on Frequency and Rationale of Freebirth;
- Had a discussion on environmental exposures faced by midwives;
- Had a discussion on the midwifery payment model;
- Had a discussion on accessibility and sustainability of California midwives;
- Had a discussion on providing a presentation to the Board regarding midwifery history and updates; and
- Had a discussion on Community Birth Partnership Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the MAC's recommended 2026 meeting dates and the agenda items requested by the MAC.