



Midwifery Legal

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Clearly, [Eric Dixon](#) played an influential role in yesterday's Supreme Court [decision](#).

Missouri now becomes the 38th state to legalize the use of a midwife, certified by a private entity.

In the *Post-Dispatch's* coverage, the state's medical lobby provided a statement:

Tom Holloway, who lobbies for the Missouri State Medical Association, said the new law jeopardizes public safety because it allows midwives to "provide unlimited services related to pregnancy: C-sections, drugs, epidural anesthetic, even abortions, without any state regulation or oversight."

This clearly misses the point. The state's oversight and regulations haven't changed. Any

expectant mother can still choose to use an "approved" nurse/doctor and receive the same care as always. But they don't *have* too. And that is the point.

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