



POSITION STATEMENT

Reproductive Health Choices

The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) affirms the following:

- Every woman has the right to make reproductive health choices that meet her individual needs;
- Every woman has the right to access factual, evidence based, unbiased information about available reproductive health choices, in order to make an informed decision;
- Women with limited means should have available financial resources to support access to services to meet their reproductive health care needs.

Background

Certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) believe that every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. The philosophy of the ACNM supports each person's right to self-determination, access to comprehensive health information, and to active participation in all aspects of their health care. We acknowledge the wide range of cultural, religious and ethnic diversity of CNMs/CMs and their clients allowing for a variety of personal and professional choices related to reproductive health care.

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