Midwifery Fact Sheet: Alaska

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2022

- Midwives Certified by AMCB: 111
- Births in 2022: 9,359
- Midwives per 1,000 Births: 11
- Midwife-attended births 2022: 2,561
- Midwife-attended births: 27%
- Midwife-attended vaginal births: 35%
- Midwifery education programs: 0

Board-certified midwives include certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives, who are certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board. Board-certified midwives’ professional association is the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Board-certified midwives practice authority is Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, §44.430, which was most recently revised in 2022.

Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Midwife-Attended Births

Policy Assets & Opportunities

1. Asset: Midwives practice independently (AS §08.68.850(1))
2. Asset: Midwives prescribe independently (12 AAC 44.440)
3. Opportunity: Midwives receive 85% the fee a physician receives for the same service (7 A.A.C. 145.100)
4. Opportunity: Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff, allowing midwives to admit (7 AAC 12.110. Medical staff)
5. Opportunity: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure
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- Both certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives are board certified. Standards for education and certification in midwifery are identical for both credentials.

- Board-certified midwives provide a full range of primary health care services in all stages of life, from the teenage years through menopause.

- While midwives are well-known for attending births, 55.1% of board-certified midwives identify reproductive care and 38.5% identify primary care as responsibilities in their full-time positions.

- Board-certified midwives provide general health check-ups, health screenings, and vaccinations.

- Board-certified midwives provide gynecologic care including miscarriage and abortion treatment, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

Health Indicators

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Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

- Obstetricians
- MFMs
- Midwives

Birth Attendants in Alaska

- Physician
- Midwife

By Race / Ethnicity, 2022

- More than One...
- American Indian...
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific...
- Black non-...
- White non-...

By Payer, 2022

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance