Midwifery Fact Sheet: Vermont

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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 26 V.S.A. Ch. 28 Subch. 2, which was most recently revised in 2015. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

**Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time**

- **USA**
- **Vermont**

**Policy Assets & Opportunities**

- **Opportunity:** Midwives must complete 2400 hours with a collaborative practice agreement before being eligible for independent practice (26 V.S.A. § 1613)
- **Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)
- **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure
- **Opportunity:** Midwives' prescriptive authority is subject to the requirement for 2400 hours with a collaborative practice agreement (26 V.S.A. § 1613)
- **Opportunity:** Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff; but all patients must be under the care of a physician (18 V.S.A. § 1905)
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

- **Unmet Need for Contraception**
- **Early Prenatal Care**
- **Preterm Birth**
- **NTSV Cesarean**
- **Breastfeeding Initiation**
- **Breast Cancer Screening**

### Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

- **Obstetricians**
- **MFMs**
- **Midwives**

### Birth Attendants in Vermont

- **Physician**
- **Midwife**

### By Race / Ethnicity, 2022

- More than One Category
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic

### By Payer, 2022

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance