

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN ALABAMA

Nurse-Midwifery in Alabama

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Alabama since 1977.
- Alabama CNMs practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, four university departments of Obstetrics/Gynecology (Ob/Gyn), private practice, state and county health departments, and A Gift of Life (a non-profit organization supported by both public and private funding).

Statistics

- There are currently 18 CNMs practicing in Alabama.
- There are currently 9 nurse-midwifery practices located throughout the state.
- In 2004, Alabama CNMs attended approximately 1,315 births, which is 3.2% of all births attended in Alabama for that year.

Education

- There are currently 43 accredited education programs in the United States offering post-baccalaureate certificate and masters degree programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery. A number of these programs have distance learning education options.
- Although there are no programs in Alabama, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring states of Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Although third-party reimbursement is not mandated in the state, Alabama CNMs are currently reimbursed by Medicaid, CHAMPUS, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
- Alabama grants CNMs prescriptive authority with the exception of controlled substances.

This information was provided by the midwives of Alabama.

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