

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN GEORGIA

Nurse-Midwifery in Georgia

- Certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Georgia since 1947. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established in Thomasville.
- Georgia certified nurse-midwives practice in a variety of locations including hospitals, private physician practices, HMOs, clinics, and birth centers.

Statistics

- There are approximately 420 Certified Nurse-Midwives living in the state of Georgia.
- Georgia has approximately 189 nurse-midwifery practices.
- In 2004, Georgia CNMs attended 23,110 births. These deliveries account for 23.7% of the total babies born in the state during 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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Emory University in Atlanta.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery practice in Georgia is governed by the Board of Nursing.
- At the state level, the Georgia chapter of ACNM is a recognized and respected resource for maternal and infant health issues. CNMs have an active presence before the state legislature; they have a leadership role in the Advisory Committee to the Board of Nursing on Advanced Nursing Practice and they also sit on the Advisory Committee of Continuum, a broad-based alliance for Healthy Mothers and Children.
- CNMs in Georgia obtained prescription writing privileges in 2006.
- Third-party reimbursement is not mandated in Georgia. CNMs are reimbursed by Medicaid at 100% of physician rates.

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