

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN IOWA

Nurse-Midwifery in Iowa

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Iowa for 18 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established in Burlington in 1980 with one CNM and two Obstetricians/Gynecologists (Ob/Gyns).
- Iowa CNMs practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, birthing centers, a family physician practice, and private home birth practice.

Statistics

- There are currently 80 practicing CNMs in Iowa.
- There are approximately 35 full-scope nurse-midwifery practices in Iowa.
- In 2004, Iowa CNMs attended approximately 2,006 births which is approximately 7.1% of all births in Iowa for 2004.

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 Iowa, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Kansas.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- CNMs in Iowa are regulated as a category of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners through the State Board of Nursing.
- Iowa CNMs are reimbursed by Medicaid for their services. The Iowa Insurance Code requires that all Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners get paid for their services.
- CNMs in Iowa may prescribe drugs for their patients, including controlled substances.

This information was provided by the midwives of Iowa.

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