

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN KANSAS***

## **Nurse-Midwifery in Kansas**

- The first nurse-midwifery practice in the state was a birth center established in 1980 in Topeka.
- Kansas Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, freestanding birth centers, homes, and military bases.

## **Statistics**

- There are currently 63 CNMs in Kansas.
- There are 28 nurse-midwifery practices located throughout the state.
- In 2004, Kansas CNMs attended 1,399 births, which is approximately 4.9% of all births in Kansas 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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at the University of Kansas in Kansas City.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery practice in the state of Kansas is regulated by the Board of Nursing under the Nurse Practice Act.
- CNMs in Kansas obtained prescription writing privileges in 1989.
- Third-party reimbursement for CNMs is not mandatory in Kansas. CNMs receive Medicaid reimbursement at 75% of physician rates.

This information was provided by the midwives of Kansas.

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