

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN MAINE

Nurse-Midwifery in Maine

- The first nurse-midwifery practice in Maine was established in South Portland at Gynecology Associates.
- Maine Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) work in a variety of settings including private physician practices, private CNM practices, hospital clinics, family planning clinics, and hospitals.

Statistics

- There are currently 67 CNMs living in Maine.
- There are 48 nurse-midwifery practices located throughout the state.
- In 2004, Maine CNMs attended approximately 1,966 births. These account for 19.6% of all Maine births 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 Maine, there are post-baccalaureate certificate and graduate programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery in Massachusetts and New York.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Maine CNMs are regulated by the State Board of Nursing as a category of advanced practice registered nurse. In 1996, state legislation recognized CNMs as independent health care practitioners.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated. CNMs are also reimbursed through Medicaid at 100% of physician rates.
- CNMs in Maine have had prescriptive privileges since 1980.

This information was provided by the midwives in Maine.

*Number may be underestimation given that source only includes ACNM member self-reported info.

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