

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN MICHIGAN***

## **Nurse-Midwifery in Michigan**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Michigan since 1980. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established at the Hutzel Hospital in Detroit.
- Michigan's certified nurse-midwives practice in a variety of settings including community hospitals, with a physician in collaborative practice, as faculty at nurse-midwifery education programs, in CNM-operated private practices, family planning clinics, health department clinics, and a birth center.
- In its published documents, the Michigan Department of Public Health has repeatedly advocated the increased use of certified nurse-midwives to provide care in underserved areas.

## **Statistics**

- There are approximately 260 nurse-midwives in Michigan, most of whom are currently practicing.
- There are 144 nurse-midwifery practice sites throughout Michigan.\*
- In 2004, Michigan CNMs attended 6,900 births, approximately 7.4% of the total 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.
- There are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and at Wayne State University in Detroit. There are also graduate program in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring states of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery in Michigan is regulated by the Board of Nursing under the Nursing Section of the Public Health Code.
- CNMs in Michigan have prescriptive authority as a delegated medical act.

This information was provided by the midwives in Michigan.

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

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