

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN MISSISSIPPI***

## **Nurse-Midwifery in Mississippi**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Mississippi since 1969.
- Mississippi CNMs practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, state health departments, HMOs, birth centers, and private practices.

## **Statistics**

- There are approximately 25 CNMs currently residing in Mississippi.
- There are 21 nurse-midwifery practices throughout Mississippi.
- In 2004, Mississippi CNMs attended 840 births, which is 3% of all births in Mississippi 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 Mississippi, there is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery practice in the state of Mississippi is regulated by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Licensure.
- Mississippi grants certified nurse-midwives prescriptive authority.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated in Mississippi, but only under physician supervision.

This information was provided by the midwives of Mississippi.

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