

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN MISSOURI***

## **Nurse-Midwifery in Missouri**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Missouri for 28 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established at the City Hospital through St. Louis University's Master's of Nurse-Midwifery Program in 1971.
- Missouri CNMs practice in private and physician practices, hospital and community-based health clinics, and home birth practices.

## **Statistics**

- There are currently 97 actively practicing certified nurse-midwives in Missouri.
- There are 28 nurse-midwifery practices located in Missouri.
- In 2004, CNMs in Missouri attended 2,020 births, which is 3.7% of all 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 Missouri, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring states of Kansas, Illinois, and Tennessee.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery in Missouri is governed by the Board of Nursing.
- As of January 1, 2009, Missouri grants CNMs prescriptive authority for Schedules III through V, with prescribing of Schedule III narcotic controlled substances limited to a 120-hour supply with no refills.
- Since 1987, Missouri CNMs have had Medicaid reimbursement privileges.
- Third-party reimbursement is not mandated in Missouri.

This information was provided by the midwives of Missouri.

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