

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN MONTANA

Nurse-Midwifery in Montana

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Montana for 24 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice in Montana was established in 1977 in Butte.
- Montana CNMs work in a variety of settings including a private practice, a hospital-based practice, a birth center, and home birth practices.

Statistics

- There are approximately 31 CNMs in Montana.
- There are 24 nurse-midwifery practices in the state.*
- In 2004, Montana CNMs attended the delivery of 1,007 babies. These deliveries account for 11.8% of the babies born in the state during 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 Montana, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in Washington and Oregon.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-Midwifery in Montana is regulated under the Board of Nursing. Since July 1, 1995, a master's degree has been required for specialty roles.
- The Montana state legislature has passed a law requiring third-party payment for nurse-midwives. Medicaid pays CNMs at 80% of the paid physician rate and does not reimburse for home births.
- Montana CNMs have had prescriptive authority since 1990.

This information has been provided by the midwives of Montana.

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

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