

## ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN NEBRASKA***

### **Nurse-Midwifery in Nebraska**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Nebraska since 1984.

### **Statistics**

- There are 21 CNMs currently practicing in Nebraska.
- There are 17 nurse-midwifery practice sites in the state of Nebraska.  
A breakdown of nurse-midwifery practice sites by the city in which they are located is as follows:  
Columbus: 1 Norfolk: 1  
Hastings: 1 Omaha: 3  
Lincoln: 2 Scottsbluff: 1
- In 2004, CNMs in Nebraska attended the births of 1,517 babies, which is 8.2% 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 Nebraska, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in Colorado and Kansas.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

### **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery practice in Nebraska is governed by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.
- In January 1994, the state director of health recommended against licensing lay midwives, but recommended expanding the scope of practice for CNMs to include home births.
- CNMs in Nebraska have limited prescriptive authority.
- Although third-party reimbursement is not mandated, Nebraska CNMs receive reimbursement for their services from several insurance companies. There is direct reimbursement through Exclucicare and Midlands Choice. CNMs receive Medicaid reimbursement at 100% of physician rates.

This information was provided by the midwives of Nebraska.

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