

## ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE***

### **Nurse-Midwifery in New Hampshire**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in New Hampshire since 1972. The first nurse-midwifery practice in the state was established in Dover.
- New Hampshire CNMs practice in a variety of locations including hospitals, private physician practices, private CNM practices, HMOs, home birth practices, and community health centers.

### **Statistics**

- There are currently 72 CNMs in the state of New Hampshire.
- There are 63 nurse-midwifery practice sites in New Hampshire.\*
- In 2004, New Hampshire CNMs attended 2,407 births, which was 22.8% of the state's 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 New Hampshire, there is a post-baccalaureate certificate program in midwifery and nurse-midwifery and a graduate program in nurse-midwifery in Massachusetts.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

### **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- CNMs in New Hampshire practice under the Nurse Practice Act as advanced registered nurse practitioners and are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
- State legislation in New Hampshire provides CNMs with third-party payment.
- Since 1985, New Hampshire CNMs have had prescription writing privileges.

This information was provided by the midwives in New Hampshire.

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

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