

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

### **Nurse-Midwifery in New Mexico**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in New Mexico since the 1930s.
- New Mexico CNMs practice in a variety of settings including private and public hospitals, homes, public health offices, and HMOs in twenty different communities.

### **Statistics**

- There are 170 CNMs licensed to practice in New Mexico.
- There are currently 119 nurse-midwifery practice sites in New Mexico, with a 300% growth in practices between 1995 and 2004. The majority of the new practices are located in rural communities.
- In 2004, New Mexico CNMs delivered 7,977 babies, which is 35.9% of the babies born in the state. The number of CNM attended births in New Mexico has more than doubled over the last ten years.

### **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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

### **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Nurse-midwifery practice in New Mexico is regulated by the Department of Health under Public Health Law.
- CNMs in New Mexico have had prescription writing privileges since 1980. New Mexico CNMs are independent providers and have prescribing authority.
- CNMs in New Mexico receive mandated reimbursement for/from private insurance and Medicaid.

This information was provided by the midwives in New Mexico.  
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