

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES & CERTIFIED MIDWIVES IN NEW YORK***

## **Midwifery in New York**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in New York since 1930. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established in New York City at the Lobenstein Clinic-School of Nurse-Midwifery.
- Certified Midwives, most credentialed by ACNM, have been legal since the Midwifery Practice Act passed in 1992. New York was the first state to credential CNMs & CMs by the same law and regulations.

## **Statistics**

- There are approximately 1010 licensed midwives in the state of New York. New York has the largest CNMs/CMs population in the United States.
- New York CNMs/CMs practice in many cities throughout the state. These places include New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Cooperstown, Cortland, Poughkeepsie, Kingston/Rhinebeck, Binghamton, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake and Long Island.
- There are currently 410 midwifery practice sites throughout the state of New York.
- In 2004, New York CNMs/CMs attended 24,350 births. These deliveries account for approximately 14.1% of the total births in New York 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. Many of these programs have distance learning education options.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at New York University and Columbia University in New York City, a graduate program in midwifery and nurse-midwifery at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, and a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at SUNY Stonybrook.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Midwifery practice in New York is regulated by the State Board of Midwifery.
- New York Licensed Midwives were granted prescription writing privileges with the passage of the Midwifery Practice Act.
- Under state law, all insurance companies registered in New York must reimburse Licensed Midwives for their services.
- Under state law and regulations, all managed care organizations must contract with Licensed Midwives and provide direct access for obstetric/gynecologic (OB/GYN) services.
- The New York State Association of Licensed Midwives (NYSALM) is the state organization which represents midwives at the state capital and which unifies all New York ACNM chapters in the state for political action.

This information was provided by the midwives of New York.

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