

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Nurse-Midwifery in Pennsylvania

- Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) have been legally recognized in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1929. The first nurse midwifery practice was established in 1964 at St. Vincent's Hospital.
- CNM's in Pennsylvania practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices, clinics, freestanding birth centers and at home births.

Statistics

- There are currently 317 CNMs licensed in Pennsylvania.
- There are currently 213 CNM practice sites in Pennsylvania.*
- In 2004, Pennsylvania CNM's attended 11,906 births. These births account for 11.9% of all births in Pennsylvania in that year.
- In 8 rural counties, 30% to 45% of the births were attended by a CNM (Clinton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Mifflin, Snyder, Somerset and Warren).
- Lancaster County, which only had 4.6% of total live births in Pennsylvania, accounted for 31.1% of all live births in the state delivered outside of a hospital.

Education

- There are currently 43 accredited educational programs in the United States offering post-baccalaureate certificate and masters degree programs in midwifery.
- There are 2 Nurse Midwifery educational programs in Pennsylvania. The University of Pennsylvania Graduate Program in Nurse Midwifery is a 16-month Masters Degree program. The Institute of Midwifery at the Philadelphia University is a distance-learning program that confers a certificate in midwifery at the completion of the program and has a Masters Degree completion option.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse midwifery practice in Pennsylvania is regulated by the Board of Medicine
- CNM's in Pennsylvania receive mandated third party and Medicaid reimbursement.
- CNM's in Pennsylvania do not have admitting privileges in hospitals.
- CNMs in Pennsylvania gained prescriptive authority as of September 18, 2007.

This information was provided by the midwives of Pennsylvania.

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

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