

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN TENNESSEE

Nurse-Midwifery in Tennessee

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Tennessee since 1975. The first nurse-midwifery services in the state were established in Dyersburg and Kingsport/Johnson City.
- Tennessee CNMs practice in a variety of settings including state and county health departments, hospitals, and HMOs.

Statistics

- There are approximately 113 CNMs living in Tennessee.
- There are currently 45 nurse-midwifery practice sites located throughout the state of Tennessee. There are four practices in Nashville.*
- There are currently four birth centers in Tennessee.
- In 2004, Tennessee's CNMs attended 3,836 births, which is 7% of the total births in Tennessee 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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery practice in the state of Tennessee is regulated by the Board of Nursing.
- Tennessee CNMs have had prescription writing privileges since the 1970s. CNMs with master's degrees can prescribe Schedules I-VI medicine and have DEA numbers.
- Tennessee CNMs receive mandated Medicaid and third-party reimbursement per federal and state statutes. Medicaid reimbursement is 85% of the physician rate.

This information was provided by the midwives of Tennessee.

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

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