

# ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN TEXAS***

## **Nurse-Midwifery in Texas**

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Texas since 1972. The first nurse-midwifery practice was the Su Clinica Familiar, established in Raymondville.
- Most CNMs in Texas practice in hospitals, while others work in a variety of settings including private practices with physicians, freestanding birth centers, home birth practices, ambulatory care settings, and as faculty in education programs.

## **Statistics**

- There are approximately 366 CNMs in the state of Texas.
- There are 166 nurse-midwifery practice sites located throughout the state. At least one can be found in all large metropolitan centers.
- The state of Texas currently has six freestanding birth centers with CNM providers.
- In 2004, Texas CNMs attended 17,757 births. These deliveries represent 6.9% of all Texas 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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Baylor University in Dallas.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

## **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Texas CNMs have had modified prescription writing privileges since 1991.
- CNMs in Texas have received Medicaid reimbursement for maternity cycle care since 1988. Since 1993, CNMs have received Medicaid reimbursement for care outside the maternity cycle. The Medicaid reimbursement for CNM services is at 85% of the physician level.
- Third-party reimbursement for CNMs is mandated for HMOs and PPOs in Texas.

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