

## ***CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN WYOMING***

### **Nurse-Midwifery in Wyoming**

- Wyoming Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) work in a variety of settings including hospitals and private practices. Birth centers are also legal in Wyoming.

### **Statistics**

- There are currently 9 CNMs residing in Wyoming.
- Wyoming has 6 nurse-midwifery practice sites.\*
- In 2004, Wyoming CNMs attended the births of 379 babies, which is 7.4% of the total births in Wyoming 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.
- Although there are no programs in Wyoming, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in Utah and Colorado.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

### **Practice and Reimbursement Issues**

- Since 1983, the practice of nurse-midwifery in Wyoming has been regulated by the Board of Nursing under the Nurse-Practice Act.
- Wyoming CNMs have prescription writing authority.
- The state of Wyoming has an any willing provider law which requires health plans to contract with CNMs who meet the terms and conditions of the plan.

This information was provided by the midwives of Wyoming.

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

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