



ACNM Protects and Advances the Practice of Midwifery in the United States Through Your Membership

Membership in the American College of Nurse-Midwives benefits not only each individual midwife, but also the profession as a whole and midwives collectively. It enables us to advocate on behalf of our goal: *a midwife for every woman!*

STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Membership in the American College of Nurse-Midwives enables ACNM to support the continued growth of the midwifery profession by advocating for policies that reflect and promote ACNM's standards and help address barriers to practice for certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. These barriers include:

- Expanding the midwifery workforce;
- Increasing access to the midwifery model of care in all practice settings;
- Removing restrictive state scope of practice requirements that prevent CNMs and CMs from practicing to the full extent of their credential;
- Supporting policies that promote unfettered access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health services;
- Working to ensure equitable reimbursement for the full scope of midwifery services via physicians' reimbursement rates, by commercial payers and Medicaid fee-for-service and managed care plans, and
- Much, much more.

Our work results in true, tangible change. In 2018, for example, our robust advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels led to several legislative victories that were years in the making and that will significantly help turn the tide on maternal mortality and morbidity and improve access to the midwifery model of care in the United States. Our achievements include passage of *The Improving Access to Maternity Care Act*; *The Preventing Maternal Deaths Act*; *The Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act*. [Learn more at here](#)

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

ACNM membership also provides every member with direct access to ACNM's Legislative Action Center where you can voice your opinions to members of Congress and State Legislators on issues germane to midwifery practice and keep current on what's happening at the state and national levels. We make it easy for you to get and stay involved, and make your voice matter.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ACNM membership also offers an opportunity for members to increase their influence with elected officials through the American College of Nurse-Midwives' Political Action Committee (Midwives-PAC), which is the bipartisan political arm of ACNM. The Midwives-PAC, which is not affiliated with any political party, leverages generous member donations to support members of Congress who can help us advance ACNM's federal policy agenda.

The future of midwifery depends on midwives' ability to demonstrate how and why we are integral to optimizing maternal health care in the United States. Membership in ACNM makes this future possible.