

Illinois

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN ILLINOIS

Nurse-Midwifery in Illinois

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Illinois since 1971. The first nurse-midwifery practice in Chicago was established at Cook County Hospital.
- Most CNMs in Illinois are in full-scope practices, providing care throughout the maternity cycle in addition to gynecology and family-planning services.
- CNMs in Illinois practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, health maintenance organizations, private practices, private homes, public health departments, and colleges of nursing.

Statistics

- There are approximately 294 CNMs residing in Illinois, most of whom live and work in the Chicago area.
- There are currently 221 nurse-midwifery practices located throughout the state.*
- In 2007, CNMs in Illinois attended 10,746 births, which is approximately 5.9% of all births in that state for 2007.

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 the University of Illinois in Chicago.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery in Illinois is regulated by the Department of Professional Regulation as a category of advanced practice nursing. Specific statutory recognition was granted in 1998.
- Medicaid reimbursement for CNMs was approved in 1988.
- CNMs in Illinois have prescriptive authority per a 1998 statute.

This information was provided by the midwives of Illinois.

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

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