Minnesota

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN MINNESOTA

Nurse-Midwifery in Minnesota

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Minnesota since 1971. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.
- Minnesota CNMs practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), rural health clinics, and private practices.

Statistics

- There are approximately 219 CNMs currently practicing in Minnesota.
- Minnesota has 123 nurse-midwifery services.
- Nurse-Midwifery practice sites are located throughout the state. Some examples of the numbers of sites in metropolitan areas are as follows:
  Minneapolis/St. Paul: 17
  Rochester: 2
  Other examples of practice sites include Alexandria, Duluth, Faribault, Fergus Falls/Perham, Long Prairie, Olivia, Stillwater, Wabasha, Winona, Hutchinson, Northfield, and Waconia.
- In 2007, Minnesota CNMs attended 6,698 births, which is 9.1% of all births in Minnesota 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 the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. There is also a graduate program in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring state of Wisconsin at Marquette University.
- For more information, see http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Minnesota legislation mandates third-party reimbursement for nurse-midwifery care, provides for a joint underwriting authority for CNM malpractice insurance, and gives CNMs prescription writing privileges.
- Many Minnesota hospitals offer CNMs admitting privileges.

This information was provided by the midwives of Minnesota.

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