



# POSITION STATEMENT

## **DEFINITION OF MIDWIFERY PRACTICE**

Midwifery practice as conducted by Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) and Certified Midwives (CMs) is the independent management of women's health care, focusing particularly on common primary care issues, family planning and gynecologic needs of women, pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period and the care of the newborn. The CNM and CM practice within a health care system that provides for consultation, collaborative management or referral as indicated by the health status of the client. CNMs and CMs practice in accord with the Standards for the Practice of Midwifery, as defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).

## **DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE**

A certified nurse-midwife (CNM) is an individual educated in the two disciplines of nursing and midwifery, who possesses evidence of certification according to the requirements of ACNM.

## **DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MIDWIFE**

A certified midwife (CM) is an individual educated in the discipline of midwifery, who possesses evidence of certification according to the requirements of ACNM.

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\*Midwifery as used throughout this document refers to the education and practice of certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) who have been certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives or the American Midwifery Certification Board, Inc. (AMCB), formerly the American College of Nurse-Midwives Certification Council, Inc. (ACC).

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