



Texas Midwives

Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)

Licensed Midwives (includes the CPM)

<p>Scope of Practice</p>	<p>CNMs independently manage health care services relating to pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, family planning, and routine gynecological needs. They may also provide normal newborn care and primary health care for women.</p> <p>They consult, collaborate, or refer to other health professionals for patient care issues outside of their area of competency.</p> <p>CNMs may have prescriptive authority delegated by a collaborating physician if the CNM meets the requirements of the BNE.</p>	<p>Licensed Midwives may independently manage health care services relating to pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. They also provide normal newborn care for up to six weeks of age. A licensed midwife with appropriate training and experience may also provide family planning and routine well-woman care according to their individual protocols.</p> <p>They consult, collaborate, or refer to other health professionals for issues outside of their scope.</p> <p>Licensed Midwives have authority to purchase and use oxygen as well as eye ointment for the newborn.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>CNMs are registered nurses that have completed a graduate level program in nurse-midwifery.</p> <p>CNM educational programs are accredited by the ACNM Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). These programs must also meet the standards of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas (BNE).</p>	<p>Licensed midwives are direct-entry midwives. This means they are not required to be nurses. Their education in Texas is based on the Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA) Standards of Practice, MANA Core Competencies, the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) exam and skill specifications, and the Texas Midwifery Basic Information and Instructor Manual, which is created and approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). Licensed Midwives must complete an educational program approved by TDLR or the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) or NARM's Portfolio Evaluation Process (PEP). In addition, all licensing candidates must meet minimum clinical education requirements and be certified in healthcare provider CPR and neonatal resuscitation. Ongoing continuing education is requirement for re-licensure every two years.</p> <p>Licensed Midwives are the only care providers specifically trained in community birth, and must attend births in the home or birth center settings to complete clinical requirements.</p>
<p>Regulation:</p>	<p>Certified Nurse-Midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.. CNMs are licensed as registered nurses authorized to practice as a category of advanced practice nurse (APN).</p> <p>Almost 550 CNMs were authorized to practice in Texas as of Aug 2021.</p> <p>https://www.bon.texas.gov/index.asp</p>	<p>Licensed Midwives in Texas are regulated by The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR.)</p> <p>There were 329 Licensed Midwives in Texas as of Sept. 2021.</p> <p>https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/midwives/midwives.htm</p>
<p>Standards of Practice</p>	<p>The BON requires CNMs to follow the Standards of Practice of Nurse-Midwifery created by the ACNM.</p>	<p>Licensed Midwives must practice according to rules and standards of care as stated in the Texas Midwifery Rules, approved by the TDLR.</p>

<p>Practice Settings:</p>	<p>CNMs work in a wide variety of settings such as clinics, hospitals, medical offices, and their own private practices. The majority of CNM assisted births are in hospitals but they also deliver in birth centers and homes.</p>	<p>Licensed Midwives work in a variety of settings such as clinics, midwifery offices, and their own private practices. Licensed Midwife assisted births are usually in birth centers or homes.</p>
<p>Medicaid Reimbursement</p>	<p>In Texas, Medicaid recognizes CNMs as primary care providers for women. Medicaid reimburses CNMs at 92% of the rate paid to a physician for the same service.</p>	<p>In Texas, Medicaid only recognizes Licensed Midwives as providers if they work in licensed birth centers. Medicaid reimburses LMs at 76% of the rate paid to a physician for the same service.</p>
<p>Professional Organizations</p>	 <p>Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse Midwives (CTCNM) https://www.midwivesoftexas.org</p>	 <p>The Association of Texas Midwives www.texasmidwives.com</p>