



# State Licensure of the Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)

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# Introduction

## Sherry Hopkins, CPM

- Founder of Well Rounded Momma, a maternity center in Las Vegas, NV since 2007.
- Certified Professional Midwife Certification
- President of Nevada Association of Professional Midwives (NAPM)
- North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Qualified Evaluator Training
- Delivered 1,000+ Babies
- Assisted in both out-of-hospital and hospital deliveries.



# Certified Professional Midwives (CPM)

- The CPM (Certified Professional Midwife) is the only midwifery credential that requires knowledge about and experience in out-of-hospital settings.
- Certified Professional Midwives are skilled professionals who provide the CPM Model of Care (based on the Midwives Model of Care™) to families in a variety of settings, including birth centers and homes.







# Nevada Association of Professional Midwives



- NAPM Formed in 2020
- Represents CPMs, those with the intent to become CPMs and LMs who practice in the state of Nevada.
- Professional Peer Review, Continuing Education & Training, Advocacy and Quality Management
- Presenting a Midwifery Bill with Senator Scott Hammond



# Why License CPMs?

- The Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) credential is currently not recognized in the state of Nevada as a pathway for state licensure.
- CPMs have a path to licensure in 34 states and the District of Columbia. The current legal status for all non-nurse Midwives in the state of Nevada is alegal.
- This absolutely puts limitations on what we are able to provide in terms of services to our community. **This also means there is no set standard of care, educational requirements or accountability for CPMs in Nevada.**



Legalization of the CPM can help Midwives gain more access to insurance coverage, obtain professional liability insurance, emergency medications, personal protective equipment (PPE) and improve collaboration with other healthcare providers. Thus, providing families with more access to safer alternative care options.

# What Does Our Bill Do?

The licensing and regulation of Certified Professional Midwives means that you can be assured a Licensed Midwife has:

- Completed a minimum educational standard and apprenticeship.
- May practice to their full scope, including well-woman/person care.
- Access to more referrals in case a client needs a prescription or care outside of the Midwife's scope.
- Easier transfer of care during delivery, should they need additional medical assistance.
- Easier access to emergency medications.
- Ability to open lab accounts with multiple lab providers.
- Ability to get In-Network with more insurance companies.
- Ability to obtain malpractice insurance
- Accountability if negligent







# Thank You

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