



What is the Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) Credential?

The Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) credential was developed in the late 1980s and was first issued in 1994 by the [North American Registry of Midwives \(NARM\)](#) to midwives with specialized training and expertise in providing safe, skilled maternity care in out-of-hospital settings.

Where are CPMs legally authorized to practice? Where aren't they? Where are families fighting Big Medicine for legal access to CPMs?

- ✓ CPMs are legally authorized to practice in **28 states** (**EMERALD GREEN** states above)
 - **26 States** that regulate CPMs (Law Enacted / Rules in Some States)
 - **2 States** Legalized CPMs by Statute (Law Enacted)
- ✗ CPMs are not legally authorized to practice in **22 states**
 - **14 states** have active CPM legislation (**LIME GREEN** states above)
 - **3 states** (and the District of Columbia) are planning CPM legislation (**MUSTARD YELLOW** states above)
 - **5 states** (and 2 territories) are organizing their CPM advocacy efforts (**PLUM PURPLE** states above)

Where to Learn More?

- See the [PushChart](#) on the regulation of Certified Professional Midwives that shows more on the state-by-state picture of CPMs.
- See the [PushStates](#) in action and contact the folks on the ground in the states.