

Licensure and Colorado Midwives

Colorado Midwives Association and Elephant Circle

Common facts

What it means to be licensed

We are regulated like any licensed providers
[State-Licensure-of-CPMs2012.pdf \(narm.org\)](#)

We are the only state where DEMs are title
“Registered” as opposed to “Licensed”
[State by State Legal Status \(narm.org\)](#)

This will not change our rules and regulations.

This is proposed language changing our practice
act and how it correlates to other language in
other entities practice act/ rules and regulations.

[Direct-Entry Midwives Practice Act.pdf - Google
Drive](#)

Letter from Sena on the following slide

1996 clarification from Program Administrator, Linda Fleming

September 13, 1996

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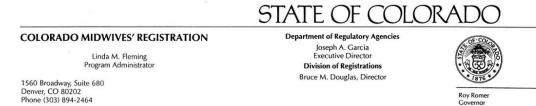
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Birth Center Language

Current birth center rules, clinical staff section 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter 22, Part 6.10 reads as follows:

"The facility shall have an organized clinical staff restricted to the following practitioners: physicians and certified nurse midwives. The clinical staff shall be currently licensed to practice medicine or midwifery in Colorado."

[Code of Colorado Regulations \(state.co.us\)](http://state.co.us)

To integrate DEMs into birth centers:

Direct-entry midwives need to be added to “clinical staff”

The process would be simpler if we were ‘licensed’ as this term is already incorporated into the rules and regulations

Without changing the title, this process would take a lot longer and would need more hands on deck to get stakeholders on board, take more workload for CDPHE, and money as due to them needing to open the birth center rules and have a rules hearing to have DEMs added to the current approved staff which they have agreed to do if necessary

Discussion of a Midwifery Board

This is a topic that has been brought up before.

During the current session, the ACNM brought a board up as an affordable solution.

More research needs to be done on how other states are structured that are self-funding and how they have volunteer boards.

Benefits may include:

We are able to be part of the process of who is on the board

Complaints dealt with more smoothly over all

Cost us less and have better outcomes with reviews before they head into DORA for disciplinary action.

Legislative Update : next stop Senate Appropriations Committee

SB21-101 Sunset Direct Entry Midwives

Senators Fields and Story

The bill implements all of the recommendations of the DORA sunset review report:

- Continuing the registration requirements for 7 years, until Sept 1, 2028
- Authorizing Direct Entry Midwives to administer Group B Streptococcus (GBS) prophylaxis
- Adding licensed birth centers to locations where a DEM may practice
- Requiring the director of the Division of Profession and Occupations to develop policies regarding DEMs in training
- Clarifying that the director has the authority to enter into stipulations with DEMs

In addition:

- Specifies that a DEM that is granted an additional authority is not required to apply for renewal of that authority or pay any renewal fees for the authority
- Removes the requirement that a DEM reports certain data at the time of registration renewal
- Requires CDPHE to collect data on "labor transfer to hospital by a registered midwife during an out-of-hospital birth. This is requested so that the data on hospital transfers is transparent and available to the public.

Ongoing conversation

How to get the latest updates
on this process

Check emails, as we have extended the poll until after our Q&A CMA Members Special Meeting session we will be hosting (TBD).

Membership please make sure you've connected in our facebook group and groups.io.

For non-members and all invested in our laws please join the free public legislative email group:
LegislativeUpdates@ColoradoMidwivesAssociation.groups.io

If you need assistance joining email us at
coloradomidwivesassociation@gmai

We will be sending out a link order for our out of hospital birth supporters to contact their Senators (send to everyone you can!)

Please send us questions and concerns after reviewing material from today's Webinar and from the information sheet sent out from the EC and CMA.

Keep tabs on EC's link:
<https://www.elephantcircle.net/circle/dem-sunset-2021>

Thank you all for
listening and reaching
out to us!