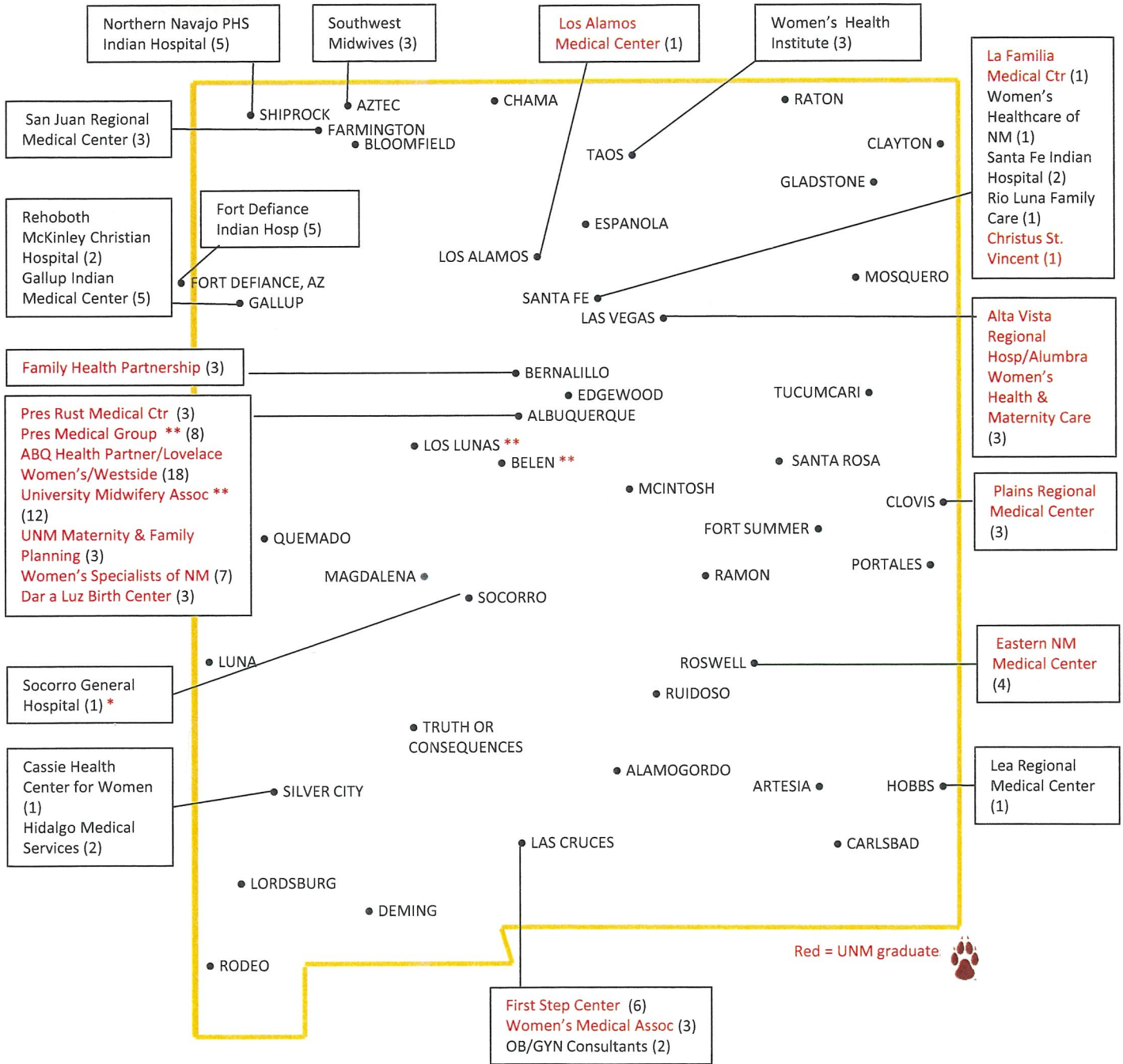




Nurse-Midwifery Practices in New Mexico





CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN NEW MEXICO

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- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in New Mexico since the 1930s.
- New Mexico CNMs practice in a variety of settings including private and public hospitals, homes, public health offices, and HMOs in twenty different communities.

Statistics

- There are 202 CNMs licensed to practice in New Mexico. Some of these have out of state licenses: 167 of them have addresses in NM and 19 in communities bordering NM and likely providing services to New Mexicans (10 Colorado, 6 Arizona, 3 TX).
- There are currently over 55 different nurse-midwifery practice sites in New Mexico. Some of these practices have more than one site. There was a 300% growth in practices between 1995 and 2004; the majority of the new practices are located in rural communities.
- In 2011, New Mexico CNMs delivered 6,516 babies, which is 24% of the babies born in the state. The number of CNM attended births in New Mexico has more than doubled over the last thirteen years. *Now approximately 40% of vaginal births.*

Education

- In the US, there are currently 39 midwifery education programs accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives, offering graduate education and post-baccalaureate certificates.
<http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>
- New Mexico CNMs are Registered Nurses with advanced education in midwifery and a graduate degree. After passing national board examinations (UNM graduates have a 100% total national board passing rate), they are nationally certified by the AMCB and licensed by the NM Dept of Health and the NM Board of Nursing.
- One-third of nurse-midwives licensed and practicing in New Mexico are graduates of the nationally ranked program at the UNM College of Nursing in Albuquerque. In 2013, UNM will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its first graduating class. <http://nursing.unm.edu/prospective-students/Masters-in-Nursing/nurse-midwifery.html>
- Each student nurse-midwife spends 1000 hours in clinical training, supervised by CNMs, providing increased access to care for women and newborns. Education programs target serving underserved populations.
- Graduate surveys indicate that 80-90% of all midwifery graduates work with underserved families.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery practice in New Mexico is regulated by the Department of Health under Public Health Law.
- New Mexico CNMs are independent providers and have had prescribing authority since 1980.
- CNMs in New Mexico receive mandated reimbursement for/from private insurance and Medicaid.