

statistics birth data. We hypothesize that states with autonomous midwifery practice laws have larger midwifery workforce,

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Table 1
Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) Scope of Practice Policy Type and States

Policy Type	Autonomous Midwifery Practice	Subject to Supervision or Collaborative Agreement
Meaning and subtype	States not requiring CNMs to have physician supervision or contractual practice agreements for overall practice	States requiring physician supervision or contractual practice agreements for CNMs only for exercise of prescriptive authority
States	AK, AZ, CO, CT, DC, HI, IA, ID, MD, ME, MN, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NY, ND, OR, RI, UT, VT, WA, WY	AR, DE, GA, IL, IN, MO, SD
	States requiring CNMs to have signed contractual practice agreements with physicians for overall practice	States requiring physician supervision of overall practice of CNMs
	AL, KS, LA, MS, OH, PA, WI	CA, FL, MA, NC, NE, NV, SC, VA