

Key Midwifery Policies

POLICY CHANGE

At The Midwifery Project, we believe that policy plays a vital role in expanding access to respectful, evidence-based maternal care. We share updates on legislation that supports midwifery care, improves care options for families, and strengthens provider autonomy across Oklahoma.

POLICY AREA	PRIORITY DESCRIPTION	STATUS IN OKLAHOMA
Midwifery Access	Expand access to midwifery care for those who desire it	Partial – CNMs/CPMs accessible in some regions; CMs not recognized; Many counties lack midwives;
System Integration	Integrate midwives more fully into maternity care systems	Limited – Midwives are not consistently integrated across hospital systems
Workforce Development	Support funding for CNM, CPM and CMs	Limited – No dedicated state funding stream; workforce shortages persist
Birthing Center	Increase access to accredited birth centers	In Progress – There are no accredited birth centers.
Independent Prescriptive Authority	Grant independent prescribing rights	Yes – CNMs eligible for independent authority after 3 years of physician supervision.
Reimbursement for CNM/CPM/CM	Ensure Medicaid/private reimbursement for CNMs, CMs, and CPMs	In Progress – CNMs are reimbursed in Hospital; CNMs/CPMs are reimbursed for births in a *CABC accredited birth center; CMs are not eligible for reimbursed.
Medicaid Expansion	Advocate for 12-month postpartum coverage and presumptive eligibility	YES – Oklahoma has adopted 12 month postpartum coverage

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