

LAY MIDWIFE

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Job Description

A **Lay Midwife**, while not a physician or certified nurse midwife, provides prenatal, delivery and postpartum care to women wishing to have a lay midwife assisted home birth. The lay midwife's clients are pregnant women who are determined to be at low risk for the development of medical or obstetrical complications of pregnancy or childbirth. The lay midwife ensures her client receives the required medical and laboratory testing and assessment from a physician, certified nurse midwife or an Arkansas Health Department clinician. The lay midwife develops a plan of care, providing support and education for the client and her family. They consult with the physician, certified nurse midwife or ADH clinician for identified risk conditions. They keep ongoing assessments and records. They submit birth report logs and complication reports to the Health Department. The lay midwife must obtain approved continuing education hours for license renewal every two years. The lay midwife follows the Arkansas Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Lay Midwifery in their provision of care.

Examinations and Fees

Written Exams for initial licensure
Arkansas Midwife Regulations Exam – no fees associated with this exam
North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) written exam-\$700 fee paid to NARM

Requirements

1. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Must provide documentation of a negative TB skin test, a negative chest x-ray or a health card (documentation of a negative TB skin test) issued by the Arkansas Department of Health at local health units.
3. Must provide a date of rubella immunization or proof of immune status.
4. Must be certified by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross to perform adult and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
5. Must submit a notarized statement that the minimal practical experience requirements have been performed under the supervision of a physician, certified nurse midwife, or licensed lay midwife. This includes demonstrating competency in performing clinical skills during the prenatal period, labor and delivery, and the postpartum period, as well as caring for the newborn. Or submit proof of Certified Professional Midwife certificate.
6. Must obtain a passing score of 75 or higher on the licensing examination administered by the Arkansas Department of Health.
7. Must pass the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) exam.

Licensing or Certifying Authority

Arkansas Department of Health
Technical/Support Services
4815 West Markham - Slot H-16
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-3867
Telephone: (501) 661-2480
Web site: www.healtharkansas.com

Number of Licenses

(Please fill in if available and enter a date on the appropriate line below)

30 # of Licenses (Fill in one line below)

This is the number of total licenses as of ____ (date).

This is the number of active licenses as of 04-13-2009 (date).

This is the number of licenses issued during _ (year).

Other number of active Lay Midwife apprentices as of 4-13-2009 is 12