

PROFESSIONAL NETWORK REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

POLICY TITLE	Reimbursement of Services Performed by Certified Nurse Midwives
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I. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

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This policy documents the source of eligibility requirements that must be met in order for services performed by Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) to be eligible for reimbursement consideration.

II. DEFINITIONS

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Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) – A registered nurse who has completed specialized theory and clinical courses in obstetrics and gynecology, is certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives, and is licensed to practice midwifery. Examples of services provided by a Certified Nurse Midwife include: attendance at labor and delivery, antepartum and postpartum care, and certain laboratory services performed in conjunction with antepartum, delivery or postpartum care.

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In general, Capital Blue Cross will consider reimbursement of services performed by CNMs if a CNM meets all of the applicable requirements under Pennsylvania law. When all these requirements are met, services performed by a Certified Nurse Midwife should be reported representing the CNM as the performing provider.

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Please refer to the following Professional Network Reimbursement Policies for additional information:
NR-09.901 Incident to Services
NR-05.601 Global Obstetrical Allowance and Concurrent Services

In addition to the criteria and conditions contained in this policy, the service, procedure or item must be deemed medically necessary, must be a covered member benefit and is subject to member cost sharing provisions.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

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N/A

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This policy is applicable to all programs and products administered by Capital BlueCross unless otherwise indicated below.

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Specific information pertaining to requirements (i.e. supervision, collaborative agreements) for Certified Nurse Midwives can be located by accessing the Pennsylvania Code on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania website.