

## **21 NCAC 33 .0112 SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

The CNM's scope of practice is defined by academic educational preparation and national certification and maintained competence. Scope of practice is set by the ACNM at [https://www.midwife.org/acnm/files/acnmlibrarydata/uploadfilename/000000000266/Definition%20Midwifery%20Scope%20of%20Practice\\_2021.pdf](https://www.midwife.org/acnm/files/acnmlibrarydata/uploadfilename/000000000266/Definition%20Midwifery%20Scope%20of%20Practice_2021.pdf), is available at no cost, and is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Scope of practice includes:

- (1) diagnosing, treating, and managing a full range of primary health care services to the patient throughout the lifespan, including gynecologic care, family planning services, preconception care, prenatal and postpartum care, childbirth, and care of the newborn;
- (2) treating patients and their partners for sexually transmitted diseases and reproductive health;
- (3) providing care in diverse settings such as home, hospital, birth center, and a variety of ambulatory care settings including private offices and community and public health clinics;
- (4) prescribing, administering, and dispensing therapeutic measures, tests, procedures, and drugs;
- (5) planning for situations beyond the CNM's scope of practice and expertise by collaborating, consulting with, and referring to other health care providers as appropriate; and
- (6) evaluating health outcomes.

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