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### **AMCB Receives 5-Year NCCA Accreditation**

The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) has awarded a 5 year re-accreditation to the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) for its Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) and Certified Midwife (CM) programs.

The NCCA helps to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of individual certification programs that assess professional competency. Certification programs that receive NCCA Accreditation demonstrate compliance with the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs, which were the first standards for professional certification programs developed by the industry.

The AMCB is the national certifying body for CNMs and CMs. Certification protects the public by ensuring that certified individuals have met predetermined criteria for safety in practice, says Barbara Graves, CNM, MN, MPH, FACNM, president, AMCB. State licensure provides the legal basis for practice. Most states require AMCB certification for licensure, and most institutions require AMCB certification to grant practice privileges. The certification function is a critical aspect of professional quality assurance in midwifery.

The AMCB, with its mission to protect and serve the public by establishing and maintaining the certification standards for individuals educated in the profession of midwifery, is the premiere certifying body in the United States for midwives, with over 12,000 certificants.

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