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PRACTICE STANDARD

Certified Midwives: Intrauterine Contraception Insertion

Introduction

The *Certified Midwives: Intrauterine Contraceptive Insertion* practice standard applies to midwives who meet BCCNM certification requirements for Intrauterine Conception Insertion.

Under the *Regulated Health Practitioners Regulation* and the *Nurses and Midwives Regulation*, midwives are authorized, if certified, to insert an instrument, device, finger, or hand beyond the labia majora, for the purpose of administering a contraception.

Intrauterine contraception includes both intrauterine systems (those that contain hormones) and intrauterine devices (those that contain copper).

When midwives discuss intrauterine contraceptive options with their clients, they discuss both intrauterine systems and intrauterine devices to facilitate an informed choice discussion.

A practicing midwife licensee who holds certification may use the titles certified midwife, midwife (certified), or the abbreviation RM(C). If a certified midwife wishes to note their specific certification, they may append the term Intrauterine Contraceptive (IUC) Certified.

Standards

1. Certified midwives:
    a. Follow relevant legislation and regulations,
    b. Follow BCCNM's ethics standards and practice standards including any applicable limits, and conditions on performing the activity,
    c. Follow organizational, policies, processes, and restrictions, and
    d. Practise within their individual competence.

Limits & conditions

1. Midwives must successfully complete the relevant certified practice course(s) recognized by BCCNM[1] after obtaining BCCNM Certification in Hormonal Contraceptive Therapy or equivalent[2].

[1] BCCNM recognized certified practice courses can be found here.
[2] For further information, contact Licensing at register@bccnm.ca.

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2. Midwives must demonstrate and submit to BCCNM proof of IUC insertion competency in supervised clinical practice in order to obtain certification:
    - Trainees perform a minimum of five IUCs under the supervision of an experienced healthcare practitioner with IUC insertion authority, in good standing with their regulatory body.

Revision history

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1.0	March 1, 2026	April 1, 2026	Initial publication
2.0	Nov. 18, 2026	Dec. 18, 2026	Removed names of recognized education programs; added "or equivalent" to L&C #1

Effective April 1, 2026, this practice standard, and any amendments to it, is made a bylaw under the authority of the *Health Professions and Occupations Act, B.C.*

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