

Sister Verga receives first certified nurse-midwife license

The first State license for a Certified Nurse-Midwife was recently issued by the Alaska Board of Nursing. Sister Carol A. Verga, R.N. of Ketchikan has been licensed to practice in pre-natal, delivery and post-natal care.

Legislation passed in 1974 authorized the Board to establish the nurse-midwife license category. Licensees must be registered nurses who have specialized training in midwifery. Nurse-midwives are authorized to manage all in and

out patient care for low risk obstetrical patients independently of a physician's supervision. This includes counseling, diagnoses, performing deliveries and prescribing treatment, including prescription medicines.