

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**6/30/2020 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND  
MEDICAID STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

**Doula Services**

EOHHS is seeking federal authority to add coverage of doula services. Doula services will support pregnant individuals, improve birth outcomes, and support new mothers and families with cultural specific antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum services. Doula services will be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. Doula service providers will be reimbursed for up to three (3) prenatal visits, one (1) labor and delivery (regardless of duration of the birthing process), and three (3) postpartum visits. This change would result in an increase in annual expenditures of approximately \$227,000 all funds. The proposed effective date of this change is July 1, 2020.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website ([www.eohhs.ri.gov](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov)) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-1501 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by July 30, 2020 to Gretchen Bell, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, via email at [Gretchen.Bell@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Gretchen.Bell@ohhs.ri.gov) or via phone at (401) 462-1501.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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