

Public Meeting: Doula Medicaid State Plan Amendment

July 15, 2021

Instructions:

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- Please remember to mute yourself unless you are speaking, to minimize background noise. If you would like to speak, please click the “raise hand” icon. Thank you!

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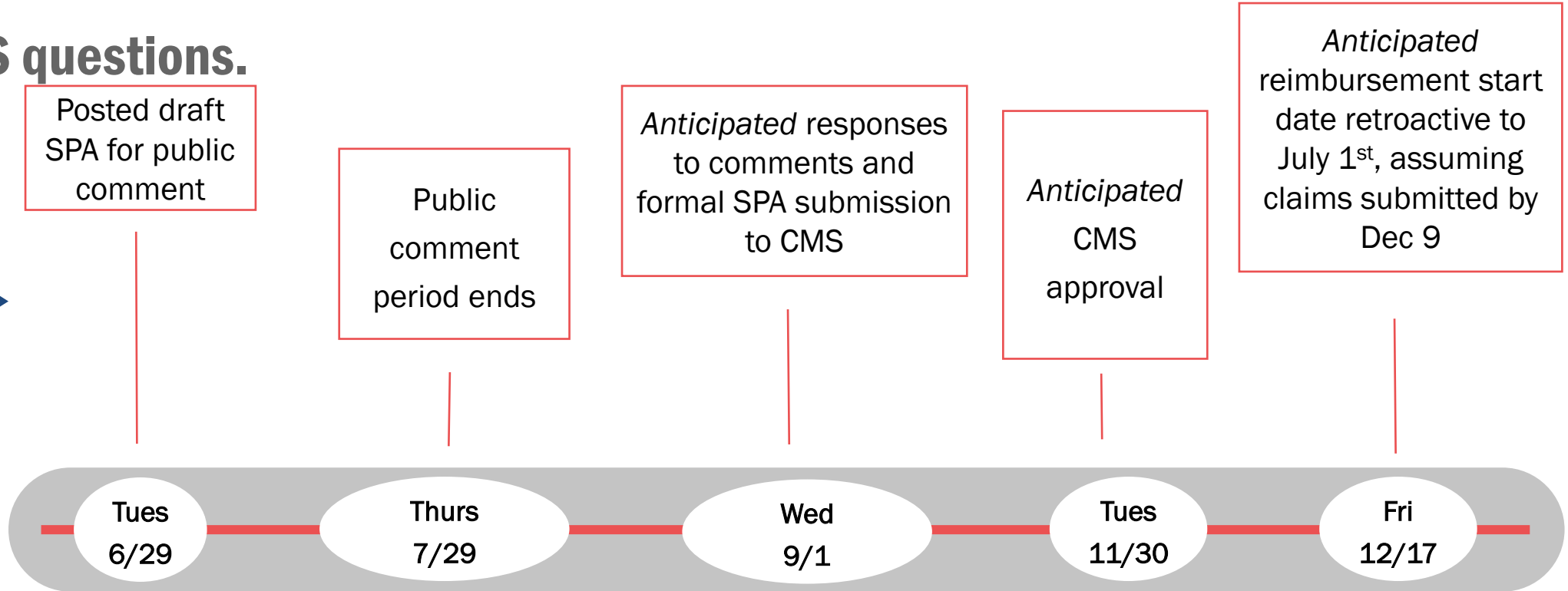
The purpose of this meeting is to gather stakeholder input on the proposed Doula Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

Agenda

- Review of Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) process
- Discussion on the Doula benefit coverage description
- Discussion on the Doula provider qualifications description
- Discussion on the Doula payment description
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EOHHS cannot pay for doula services prior to SPA approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The timeline is highly dependent on the volume and nature of the public comments and CMS questions.



* Doula Benefit Coverage Description

- **Individuals eligible:** pregnant or postpartum women
- **Services include** the following regarding prenatal care, birth practices, breastfeeding, and infant care:
 - Advocacy and working as a member of the client's multidisciplinary team
 - Physical and emotional support
 - Empowering individuals with information about best practices
 - Referrals for services outside the scope of doulas
- **Service limitations:**
 - Three (3) prenatal visits
 - One (1) Labor and Delivery visit regardless of the duration, and regardless of outcome of birth
 - Three (3) postnatal visits

Service Limitation Exceptions

If a member did not receive the full allotment of the standard seven (7) visits:

- the allotted benefit amount remaining from prenatal and labor and delivery can be used towards postpartum and/or bereavement supports
- the total amount billed for the pregnancy may not exceed \$850
- prior authorizations may be needed in these situations

* Doula Provider Qualification Description

- **Provider qualifications:** Must be certified by the Rhode Island Certification Board (RICB) and attest to being trained in all doula core competency requirements
- **Temporary exceptions:** Doulas who can provide evidence of training and practice as a doula for a period of at least six (6) months prior to July 1, 2021 shall not be required to provide the certificate or letter as required above until December 31, 2021 and shall have six (6) months to complete the training requirements.
- **Supervision requirements:** No supervision or referral requirements
- **Prior Authorization:** No prior authorization requirements for the standard set of doula services.

In the proposed SPA pages, this date was incorrectly stated as December 31, 2022. EOHHS plans to revise this to December 31, 2021, as currently stated here.

*Doula Payment Description

- **Minimum duration of a visit in order to bill:** 60 minutes
- **Rate for prenatal visits:** \$51.52 per visit
- **Rate for Labor and Delivery:** \$502.27 per visit
- **Rate for postpartum visits:** \$64.39 per visit
- Rates do NOT include room and board

Rates are inclusive of all staff costs including:

- meetings with the member's interdisciplinary care team;
- screening;
- case management;
- postpartum and/or bereavement supports;
- telephone time;
- travel time; and
- time writing case notes.

Thank you

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- Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by July 29, 2021 to Bryan Law, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Bryan.Law@ohhs.ri.gov.