

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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aa. Doula Services.

1. **Provider Qualifications:** Once enrolled as a Medicaid program provider, a doula shall be eligible to enroll as a provider with fee-for-service and managed care organizations affiliated with the state Medicaid program. In order to follow federal Medicaid and private insurance requirements applicable to covered services, doula services shall be reimbursed on a fee-for-service schedule. Doula services shall be covered by the state Medicaid program if the doula seeking reimbursement has completed the following:
  - a. Applied for and given a National Provider Identification Number (NPI#)
  - b. Completed and received approval for all required state Medicaid program provider enrollment forms
  - c. Provided a copy of a doula training certificate or an authentic, original, signed and dated letter from a doula training organization verifying the doula has attended and completed its training and curriculum. To be considered authentic, a letter must be on the doula training organization's letterhead and signed by an authorized representative.
  - d. Provided a signed and dated attestation of completed training in the following competencies through one program or a combination of programs, the result of which is meeting all doula core competency requirements outlined below:
    - i. At least 24 contact hours of education that includes any combination of childbirth education, birth doula training, antepartum doula training, and postpartum doula training;
    - ii. Attendance at a minimum of one breastfeeding class or valid certified lactation counselor or IBCLC;
    - iii. Attendance at a minimum of one childbirth class;
    - iv. Attendance at a minimum of two births;
    - v. Completion of cultural competency training;
    - vi. Completion of HIPAA/client confidentiality training;
    - vii. Completion of CPR certification for children and adults; and
    - viii. Completion of SafeServ certification for meal preparation.
2. **Provider Reimbursement:** All visits will be documented and billed for on a fee-for-service basis with the proper billing code as defined in the provider manual. Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of rehabilitative services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2020 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/FeeSchedule.aspx>.
3. **Limitations on Provider Reimbursement:**
  - a. The coverage available for doula services per pregnancy, regardless of the number of infants involved, shall be available through one year postpartum, and shall be eligible towards the following activities; prenatal visits, physical and emotional support during a childbearing individual's labor and birth, telephone or virtual communications between doula and client, time spent being on call for the birth, postpartum visits, and time spent on administrative time, such as documentation or paperwork.
  - b. 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. If a member's pregnancy does not result in a live birth, the number of visits that have not

been utilized from the amount of visits allocated to prenatal and labor and delivery can be used towards postpartum and/or bereavement supports.