

2019 STATE BILLS RELATED TO DOULA SERVICES							
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Arizona	<a href="#">HB 2605</a>	Doulas; voluntary certification	Rep. Kelly Townsend [R]	<p>Defines "Certified community doulas" as those that were given certification by the Department of Health Services in Arizona.</p> <p>Defines "doula" as a trained nonmedical health worker who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a mother before, during, and after childbirth and who serves as a liaison between the birthing parent and medical and social services staff to improve the quality of medical, social, and behavioral outcomes.</p> <p>Director of the Department of Health Services must identify criteria necessary to become a certified doula and has the power to revoke a certificate, director will define minimum qualifications for training and education.</p> <p>Core competencies include skills and areas of knowledge to bring expanded health access and wellness in diverse communities and to reduce health disparities.</p> <p>Details the application process for becoming certified which includes an application fee and renewal every two years.</p> <p>Establish minimum education, training, experience, and other qualifications for trainers.</p>	House read a 2nd time	02-13-19	
Connecticut	<a href="#">SB 1078</a>	An Act Concerning Doula Certification and Medicaid Reimbursement for Doula Services	Human Services Committee (Introduced by) Co-sponsors: Sen. Martin Looney & Sen. Robyn Porter	<p>Outlines steps and requirements to becoming a certified state doula.</p> <p>Requirements for reimbursement through Medicaid: have a national provider id number, complete all required Medicaid.</p> <p>Provider Enrollment forms, provide copy of state doula certification to commissioner, perform Medicaid-eligible services.</p> <p>Doulas shall be billed on a fee-for-service basis, per pregnancy for Medicaid eligible services. Reimbursement shall not be less than \$900 and not exceed \$1500.</p> <p>Medicaid eligible services include: prenatal visits, physical and emotional support, telephone or virtual communications between certified doula and Medicaid beneficiary, time spent being on call for birth, time spent providing a Medicaid beneficiary services and support during birth, postpartum visits, time spent on administrative tasks, such as documentation or paperwork, among others.</p>	Favorable Report, House Calendar #619	5-17-2019	
Illinois	<a href="#">SB 1909</a>	Health Pregnancy/Postpartum	Sen. Cristina Castro (D)	<p>Requires certain group health insurance policies to provide coverage of medically necessary treatment for postpartum complications.</p> <p>Extends medical assistance coverage to one year postpartum.</p> <p>Provides coverage for doula care, perinatal depression screenings.</p> <p>Requires DCFS to seek SPA to expand family planning coverage to women at/below 200% FPL.</p>	Governor Signed and Effective 1/1/2020	12-13-19	
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 0004</a>	Medicaid-Doula Services	Rep LaToya Greenwood	<p>Provides doula coverage under medical assistance program.</p> <p>Sets forth certain certification and training requirements for doulas in order to be reimbursed.</p> <p>To be eligible for reimbursement doulas must be certified by an organization that is nationally recognized for training and certification of doulas, complete a cultural competency course, complete a course on HIPAA compliance, be certified to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and submit to a federal and state background check.</p>	Re-referred to Rules Committee	5/31/2019	
Indiana	<a href="#">SB 416</a>	Medicaid Coverage for doula services. Provides that Medicaid pregnancy services may include reimbursement for doula services	Sen Jean Breaux, Sen Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Jean Leising, et al.	<p>Medicaid coverage of doula care.</p> <p>May apply for a SPA or waiver to implement.</p>	Passed & Signed	4-18-2019	

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Massachusetts	<a href="#">H 1182</a>	An Act relative to Medicaid coverage for doula services	Liz Miranda, Lindsay Sabadosa	<p>Defines doula as a trained professional who provides physical, emotional, and educational support, but not medical care to mother before, during, and after childbirth. Doulas coverage eligibility through private insurance and MassHealth.</p> <p>Lays out standards for doula certification and training, establishes a statewide registry of doulas, sets up payment (\$1500 inclusive).</p> <p>To be covered doulas must: apply for a National Provider ID Number, have a training certificate through a certified organization (examples provided), and have at least 24 contact hours of in-person education that include any combination of childbirth education, birth doula training, antepartum doula training, and postpartum.</p> <p>Once enrolled as a MassHealth provider, a doula will be eligible to enroll as a provider with Fee-for-Service, Managed Care, and Accountable Care Payers, affiliated with MassHealth.</p>	Hearing scheduled for 09/10/2019 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in B-1	8-28-2019	
New Jersey	<a href="#">AB 4932</a>	Establishes perinatal episode of care pilot program in Medicaid	Rep. Gabriela Mosquera, Rep. Adam Taliaferro, Rep. Daniel Benson, et al.	<p>Establish a learning network to develop parameters for a 3 year perinatal episode care pilot program in Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce cost.</p> <p>Identifies communities doulas as a wraparound patient support service and to be potentially covered.</p>	Substituted by SB 3365	03-25-2019	
New Jersey	<a href="#">SB 3365</a>	Establishes perinatal episode of care pilot program in Medicaid	Sen. Nellie Pou, Sen. Joseph Cryan, Rep. Gabriella Mosquera, et al.	<p>Establish a learning network to develop parameters for a 3 year perinatal episode care pilot program in Medicaid to improve outcomes and reduce cost.</p> <p>Identifies communities doulas as a wraparound patient support service and to be potentially covered.</p>	Passed	5-8-2019	
New Jersey	<a href="#">SB 1784</a>	Provides Medicaid Coverage for Doula Care	Sen. Loretta Weinberg, Sen. Nia Gill, Rep. Eliana Marin, et al.	<p>Medicaid coverage of doula care (Replaced AB 1662)</p> <p>Provides for the expansion of the State Medicaid program to include coverage for doula care. A doula is a trained professional who provides physical, emotional, and educational support, but not medical care, to mothers before, during, and after childbirth.</p>	Passed	5-8-2019	
New Jersey	<a href="#">AB 5957</a>	Codifies and expands Medicaid coverage for certain school-based services	Rep Herbert Conaway, Valerie HUttle, Raj Mukherji	<p>Comprehensive maternity care, which may include: the basic number of prenatal and postpartum visits recommended by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology; additional prenatal and postpartum visits that are medically necessary; necessary laboratory, nutritional assessment and counseling, health education, personal counseling, managed care, outreach, and follow-up services; treatment of conditions which may complicate pregnancy; doula care; and physician or certified nurse-midwife delivery services. For the purposes of this paragraph, "doula" means a trained professional who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a mother before, during, and shortly after childbirth, to help her to achieve the healthiest, most satisfying experience possible.</p>	Introduced and Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee. Died in Committee	11/18/2019	
New Jersey	<a href="#">SB 4300</a>	Codifies and expands Medicaid coverage for certain school-based services	Sen Joseph Cryan	<p>Comprehensive maternity care, which may include: the basic number of prenatal and postpartum visits recommended by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology; additional prenatal and postpartum visits that are medically necessary; necessary laboratory, nutritional assessment and counseling, health education, personal counseling, managed care, outreach, and follow-up services; treatment of conditions which may complicate pregnancy; doula care; and physician or certified nurse-midwife delivery services. For the purposes of this paragraph, "doula" means a trained professional who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a mother before, during, and shortly after childbirth, to help her to achieve the healthiest, most satisfying experience possible.</p>	Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee	12/09/2019	
New York	<a href="#">A 04408</a>	Includes doulas as medical services providers for Medicaid recipients	Assemblywoman Michaelle C. Solages (D)	<p>Includes doulas as a type of medical service provider available for Medicaid recipients.</p> <p>Requires commissioner of health to apply for waivers or amendments for Medicaid coverage of doulas.</p>	Referred to Health Same as 5656	02-04-19	
New York	<a href="#">S 3344</a>	Relates to the professional certification of doulas	Sen. Jessica Ramos (D)	<p>Amends the public health law to require doulas to be certified, over 18 years of age, and of good moral character to be called "certified doulas."</p> <p>Defines doula services as continuous emotional and physical support throughout labor and birth, and intermittently during the prenatal and postpartum period.</p> <p>Outlines process for doula certification which includes 3 major steps: filing an application within the department, satisfying department's education requirements, and passing an examination.</p> <p>Requires payment of at least \$40 for a license and \$10 for a limited permit.</p> <p>Does not intend to create an exclusive scope of practice but instead the title of "certified doula."</p>	RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY PASSED SENATE 3RD READING CAL. 243 SUBSTITUTED FOR S3344B	06-18-19	

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New York	<a href="#">SB 5656</a>	Includes doulas as medical services providers for Medicaid recipients	Sen. Persaud	Includes doulas as medical services providers for Medicaid recipients; directs the commissioner of health to submit an application for amendments and waivers to add doulas to such coverage pursuant to section 363-e of the social services law; and directs the commissioner of health and the commissioner of children and family services to add, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary.  Defines doulas as: A doula is a trained professional who provides continuous, physical, emotional and informational support to a mother before, during and shortly after childbirth to help her achieve the healthiest, most satisfying experience possible.	In Senate Committee	5-10-2019	
New York	<a href="#">AB 364</a>	Relates to the professional certification of doulas	Paulin	Authorizes the professional certification of doulas; only those certified may provide doula services defined as continuous emotional and physical support provided by a certified doula throughout labor and birth, and intermittently during the prenatal and postpartum periods.	Vetoed by Governor	12/13/2019	
Ohio	<a href="#">HB 434</a>	To modify the laws governing the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board and to designate May as "Maternal Mortality Awareness Month"	Rep Erica Crawley	Designate May as Maternal Mortality Awareness Month.	Introduced and referred to Health Committee	12/10/2019	

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Pennsylvania	<a href="#">HB 2109</a>	An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No. 21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for medical assistance reimbursement for doula services.	Rep Cephas	<p>The department shall provide reimbursement to a certified doula for providing childbirth education and support services, including physical and emotional support, to an individual covered under the medical assistance program during pregnancy, labor and delivery and up to one year postpartum.</p> <p>The department shall maintain a registry of certified doulas who have met the requirements provided under subsection d.</p> <p>Reimbursement under subsection (a) shall include reimbursement for travel time or mileage expenses in accordance with the annually scheduled rates determined by the Internal Revenue Service.</p> <p>To be listed on the registry of certified doulas and receive reimbursement under subsection (a), a doula shall:</p> <p>(1) Receive and maintain certification by an approved national certification agency identified by the department.</p> <p>(2) Obtain additional training to be reimbursed by an employer at a rate determined by the employer, focused on doula care for special populations, on becoming a Medicaid participating provider and on any additional topics as the department may require.</p> <p>(3) Submit the following information to the department for the purpose of performing a background check:</p> <p>(i) A report of Federal criminal history record information.</p> <p>(ii) A report of criminal history record information from the Pennsylvania State Police as provided under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history record information) or a statement from the Pennsylvania State Police that the Pennsylvania State Police central repository contains no information relating to the individual. The criminal history record information shall be limited to the information which is disseminated under 18 Pa.C.S. § 9121(b)(2) (relating to general regulations).</p> <p>(iii) Fingerprints to the Pennsylvania State Police, its agent or an agent approved for fingerprinting by the Federal Government. The fingerprints may be used by the Pennsylvania State Police to conduct a criminal background check and shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal background check.</p> <p>(4) Maintain personal liability insurance.</p> <p>(e) The department shall:</p> <p>(1) Develop a Doula Advisory Board to act as a workgroup to determine the education requirements and approved accreditation entities from which a doula may receive certification. The following shall apply:</p> <p>(i) The Doula Advisory Board shall include a diverse membership, including providers, administrators and community members, including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <p>(A) The secretary.</p> <p>(B) A representative from the Department of State.</p> <p>(C) A representative from the Office of Medical Assistance Programs within the department.</p> <p>(D) A representative from the Bureau of Family Health within the Department of Health.</p> <p>(E) A representative from the Office of Health Equity within the Department of Health.</p> <p>(F) A representative from a nationally recognized doula organization.</p> <p>(G) Practicing doulas in this Commonwealth.</p> <p>(H) A member of the Pennsylvania Maternal Mortality Review Committee established under the act of May 9, 2018 (P.L. 118, No.24), known as the Maternal Mortality Review Act.</p> <p>(ii) The Doula Advisory Board shall be responsible for developing and updating a list including the approved entities from which individuals seeking doula certification may gain the necessary education requirements under subsection (d) and a list of core competencies necessary to be met through the training.</p> <p>All departments, commissions, agencies and public authorities of the Commonwealth shall provide the Doula Advisory Board with any reasonably requested assistance or information in a timely manner in order to fulfill its duties.</p> <p>(iv) The Doula Advisory Board shall report the information required under this paragraph to the department on a regular basis.</p> <p>(2) Set the rates of reimbursement for doula services rendered to a medical assistance enrollee.</p> <p>(f) The department shall seek a State plan amendment or Federal waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, if needed, to allow the medical assistance program to provide coverage for doula services in accordance with this section.</p> <p>(g) As used in this section, the term "doula" shall mean a professional trained to provide physical, emotional and informational support to a mother before, during and after childbirth.</p>	Referred to Health Committee	12/09/2019	

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Rhode Island	<a href="#">SB 678</a>	Medical Assistance: Perinatal Doula Services	Sen. Ana Quezada, Sen. Bridget Valverde, Sen. Melissa Murray, Sen Dawn Euer, Sen Gayle Goldin	<p>Medicaid coverage of doula care.</p> <p>Outlines steps for doulas to be reimbursable by Medicaid. Including getting a provider ID number, provided a certificate from a doula organization, and letter detailing their completion in core competencies, including at least 24 contact hours.</p> <p>Creates a state registry of qualified doulas.</p> <p>Doula services do not include: "practice of medicine."</p> <p>Doulas may be reimbursed through Fee-For-Service and up to one year postpartum and not to exceed \$1,500.</p> <p>To take effect 7-1-2020.</p>	Referred to House Finance	6-28-2018	
Texas	<a href="#">HB 4301</a>	Relating to Medicaid coverage of doula services.	Walle	<p>Requires Commission to implement Medicaid coverage of doula care and make determination with regard to services covered and certification, effective Sep 1, 2019.</p> <p>Doula services for childbirth education, emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum.</p>	Referred to Human Services	3-25-2019	
Vermont	<a href="#">H. 219</a>	An act relating to Medicaid coverage for doula services	Rep. Diana Gonzalez (P) Rep. Barbara Rachelson (D)	<p>Qualified doulas shall be reimbursed for providing childbirth education and support services, including physical and emotional support, to individuals covered by Medicaid during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and postpartum. The Department shall keep a registry of qualified doulas. Doulas will not be reimbursed for travel time or mileage.</p> <p>Describes requirements for obtaining Medicaid reimbursement such as receiving additional training designed specifically for serving marginalized populations, having certification from a national approved organization, and having personal liability insurance. Organizations that doulas may received certification at their own cost include: Birthworks, Childbirth International, CAPPA, Commonsense Childbirth Inc., DONA, ICTC, International Childbirth Education Association.</p> <p>Restricts reimbursement to no more than \$750.</p> <p>Establishes reimbursement rates - \$25 for prenatal visits per hour for up to 4 hours, \$550 for support during delivery, \$25 per hour for postpartum visits for up to 2 hours, and up to \$50 for administrative expenses.</p>	Referred to the Committee on Health Care	02-13-19	
Washington	<a href="#">WA State Health Care Authority Budget Item</a>	Code Title: Doula Services Program Title: Maternity Support Services Program	Jim Smith	<p>Proposal to fund doula services under the Maternity Support Services (MSS) program.</p> <p>MSS to be expanded to provide 2 antepartum visits, two postpartum visits, labor support for MSS clients by CHWR's certified as doulas by a national or state professional organization.</p> <p>Assumes reduced costs for health care delivery system and health disparities through doula coverage.</p>		11-1-2018	
Washington, D. C.	<a href="#">B23-0632</a>	Maternal Health Care Improvement and Expansion Act of 2019	CNC. Charles Allen et al.	To require individual or group health plans and health insurance coverage through Medicaid or the D.C. Healthcare Alliance program to cover at least two postpartum healthcare visits, home visits, fertility preservation services, and transportation stipends for travel to and from prenatal and postpartum visits, to require Medicaid to provide coverage for pregnant District residents with an income at 319% of the federal poverty level for one year postpartum, to require the Department of Health to conduct a study on the feasibility of developing a curriculum to train doulas, to establish a Center on Maternal Health and Wellness; and to require implicit bias training to be included in continuing medical education.	Introduced	6/25/2019	
Washington, D. C.	<a href="#">B23-0341</a>	Perinatal Health Worker Training Access Act of 2019	Councilmembers R. White, Cheh, Silverman et al.	Within 120 days of the effective date, the Department of Health will disburse grant funds annually to implement a perinatal health worker training program that trains individuals in Wards 5, 7, 8 to provide culturally congruent nonclinical care to individuals during their perinatal period, including didactic training on reproductive health, including physical, mental, and social wellbeing related to the functioning of the reproductive system.	Notice of Intent to Act on B23-0341 Published in the D.C. Register	6/21/2019	
Wisconsin	<a href="#">WI State Budget Item</a>	Healthy Women, Healthy Babies State Budget Initiative	Tony Evers	Governor Evers' budget proposal includes a total of \$618,700 over the biennium to make doula services reimbursable through Medicaid and fund doula training programs. Governor Evers' budget would require DHS to request any necessary federal approval to allow Medicaid reimbursement for doulas. This budget earmarks \$234,700 (in fiscal year 2020-21) for a pilot program to provide Medicaid reimbursement for doula services for eligible individuals who live in Milwaukee, Rock, Dane, Brown and Sheboygan counties and use a certified doula. The Department of Health Services (DHS) would administer certifications. This budget allocates \$192,000 per year in training grants for doulas. These grants will be awarded to organizations that provide community-based doula services to identify and train local community workers to mentor pregnant women.			