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Status of Medicaid Reimbursement for Birth Doulas in the USA Updated 5/5/2023

States providing statewide federally authorized doula Medicaid benefits; actively reimbursing:

- California*
- Maryland**
- Michigan*
- Minnesota**
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- Oregon**
- Rhode Island*
- Virginia
- Washington, DC

States actively reimbursing, but not federally approved statewide:

- Florida

States that are in the process of implementing Medicaid reimbursement:

- Connecticut
- Illinois
- Massachusetts**
- Ohio

States that have taken statewide action pertaining to Medicaid coverage:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Louisiana
- Missouri
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington
- Wisconsin

* Lifespan Doulas' birth doula training meets the requirements of these states.

** Lifespan Doulas' birth doula training *does not meet* the requirements of these states.

For all other states listed, we are unsure at this time whether Lifespan Doulas' birth doula training will meet the requirements. We are in the process of investigating and applying for approval in the remaining states. Priority will be placed on states that are actively reimbursing for doula services to Medicaid-eligible families. Lots of changes are happening quickly on this front!

Please send us any updates or contacts for further information that you may have to this information.

Sources

[National Academy for State Health Policy \(NASHP\)](#)

NASHP's tracker only includes information and updates on statewide, federally authorized doula Medicaid benefits. It does not include information on states that allow doula services to be covered by Medicaid managed care entities. (A managed care entity is a general term for HMOs and all health plans that contract with the state to provide a comprehensive package of services, coordinated through a specific network of primary care physicians and hospitals, in return for pre-set monthly payments.)

[National Health Law Program](#)

According to this table, more than half the states are either actively providing Medicaid coverage for doula care, are in the process of implementing such coverage, or are taking statewide action related or adjacent to Medicaid coverage for doula care.