

# Doula & Perinatal Community Health Worker in Medicaid

*A Learning Series on Leveraging Community Based Support Services*

## Session 4:

### State Level Highlights of Implementation

**Date:** March 2, 2023, 3 p.m. ET

**Session Description:** This session will provide examples of how state policy and Medicaid agencies implement community doula and perinatal CHW care to support health goals.

### Learning Objectives

1. Identify the landscape of Medicaid coverage for community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers on a state-by-state basis.
2. Interpret policy levers, strategies, and solutions for states at various stages of implementation of Medicaid reimbursement for community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers.
3. Identify examples of collaborative partnerships that enhance the effectiveness of state Medicaid programs in operationalizing reimbursement for community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers.

### Session 4 Speakers:

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### Session 4 Resources:

[Speaker Bios](#)

[Presentation Slides](#)

[Archived Session Recording](#)

[Session Q & A](#)

### Session 4: Pre-Session Required Activities (60 Minutes)

**READ** (10 minutes): [Expanding the Perinatal Workforce through Medicaid Coverage of Doula and Midwifery Services](#)

**WATCH** (23 minutes): [Doulas Know Best: Lessons Learned from California's Doula Pilot Programs](#), (min 14-37)

**EXPLORE** (20 minutes): [Current State of Medicaid Doula Implementation Efforts](#)

**READ** (7 minutes): [Summary of Medicaid State Plan Amendments for Community Health Workers](#)

### Session 4: Supplemental Resources (25 Minutes)

**READ** (10 minutes): [Sustainable Funding for Doula Programs: A Study](#), pg. 6-9, 11-14, 18-19

**VIEW** (2 minutes): [State of VA Medicaid Coverage of Doulas](#)

**READ** (5 minutes): [Medi-Cal Doulas Enrollees Deserve Doula care; Doulas Deserve a Living Wage](#)