

Doula & Perinatal Community Health Worker in Medicaid

A Learning Series on Leveraging Community Based Support Services

Session 6:

Ensuring Community Engagement, Equity, and Accountability in Medicaid

Date: May 4, 2023, at 3 p.m. ET

Session Description: This session will explore how state Medicaid agencies and other organizations can authentically and equitably engage with community members and community-based perinatal support workers to advance accountability and effective implementation of Medicaid coverage of doula and perinatal community health worker services.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify the value of codesigning Medicaid policy and programs with community-based perinatal support workers.
2. Understand the need for perinatal support programs to be accountable to the communities they intend to serve and their community-based workforce.
3. Identify recommendations to support state Medicaid agencies and Medicaid health plans in collaborating with community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers to maximize their leadership, expertise, and technical assistance.

Session 6 Speakers:

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Session 6: Pre-Session Required Activities (60 Minutes)

READ (23 minutes): [Methods to Secure Doula Reimbursement Approval from CMS](#)

WATCH (17 minutes): [MOTHER Lab, Centering Doulas, Justice, and Policy in Maternal Health \(0:00-16:55\)](#)

READ (10 minutes): [Changing the Narrative: The Doula Medicaid Reimbursement Storybook](#)

READ (10 minutes): [Doula Medicaid Training and Certification Requirements: Summary of Current State Approaches and Recommendations for Improvement - National Health Law Program](#)

Session 6: Supplemental Resources (34 Minutes)

WATCH (34 minutes): [Changing the Narrative: Doula Medicaid Storybook](#)

Session 5 Resources:

[Speaker Bios](#)

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