

Doula & Perinatal Community Health Worker in Medicaid

A Learning Series on Leveraging Community Based Support Services

Session 7:

Building the Doula and Perinatal Community Health Worker Workforce and Collaborative Systems of Support

Date: June 1, 2023, at 3 p.m. ET

Session Description: This session will explore examples of collaboration between members of the community-based perinatal support workforce and other service providers, while identifying ways that states can support the workforce through alignment of core competencies and pathways.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify examples of collaboration between community-based doulas, perinatal community health workers, and other health care and service providers that advance birth equity.
2. Understand the role that community-based organizations and agencies play in ensuring that CBD/PCHWs can best meet the needs of Medicaid enrolled clients.
3. Examine priorities and pathways for workforce development, mentorship, and support for CBDs and PCHWs.

Session 7 Speakers:

Bridgette Jerger, CLC, CD (DONA), G.R.O.W. Doula/Healthy Start

Mary Powel-Thomas, By My Side Birth Support

Tasia Stewart, Doula, PHA, CBS, Birthmark Doula Collective

Steph Visco, Birthmark Doula Collective

Moderator: **Kim Bower, MD, FAAHPM, HMDC**, Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan

Session 7 Resources:

[Speaker Bios](#)

[Presentation Slides](#)

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Session 7: Pre-Session Required Activities (58 Minutes)

READ (15 minutes): [Community-Based Doulas and Midwives: Keys to Addressing the U.S. Maternal Health Crisis](#), (p. 18-26)

WATCH (3 minutes): [G.R.O.W. Doula Program | Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital](#)

READ (10 minutes): [The Birth Doula Workforce in the U.S.](#), (p. 4-8)

EXPLORE (15 minutes): [Toolkit to Support Vaginal Birth and Reduce Primary Cesareans: A Primary Improvement Toolkit](#), (p. 40-46)

READ (15 minutes): [Doula Services with a Healthy Start Program: Increasing Access for an Underserved Population](#)

Session 7: Supplemental Resources (25 Minutes)

WATCH (2 minutes): [Chanel Porchia-Albert in Conversation with Vice President Kamala Harris on Black Maternal Health](#)

READ (3 minutes): [Doula Support for Women in Underserved Communities](#)

READ (12 minutes): [Community-informed models of perinatal and reproductive health services provision: A justice-centered paradigm toward equity among Black birthing communities](#)

READ (8 minutes): [As climate change worsens hurricane season in Louisiana, doulas are ensuring parents can safely feed their babies](#)