

# Doula & Perinatal Community Health Worker in Medicaid

*A Learning Series on Leveraging Community Based Support Services*

## Session 8:

### Operationalizing Medicaid Coverage for Perinatal Support and the Nitty Gritty of Billing

**Date:** July 13, 2023, at 3 p.m. ET

**Session Description:** This session will examine considerations for billing and benefit design to maximize successful Medicaid reimbursement for community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers using examples from states and discussing infrastructure, systems, and process of support.

#### Learning Objectives

1. Discuss the infrastructure, systems, and processes that can support community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers in navigating Medicaid coverage.
2. Identify state examples of operational processes that facilitate equitable and effective coverage of community-based perinatal support.
3. Examine considerations for billing and benefit design to maximize successful Medicaid reimbursement for community-based doulas and perinatal community health workers.

#### Session 8 Speakers:

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Moderator: **Caitlin Cross-Barnet, PhD**, CMS (Moderator)

#### Session 8: Pre-Session Required Activities (60 Minutes)

**READ** (8 minutes): [Virginia Invests in Doulas to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes](#)

**READ** (8 minutes): [Community Doulas for Medicaid Members](#)

**READ/LISTEN** (5 minutes): [Maternal Health Projects | dhcf \(dc.gov\)](#)

**READ** (14 minutes): [Doula Care and Maternal Health: An Evidence Review](#)

**WATCH** (26 minutes): [Medi-Cal Doula Care Coverage: What Advocates Need to Know \(32:00-58:00\)](#)

#### Session 8: Supplemental Resources (65 Minutes)

**WATCH** (52 minutes): [Georgia Medicaid Doula Pilot Findings and Looking Forward \(6:35-58:30\)](#)

**READ** (8 minutes): [Lessons Learned from Early State Experiences Using Medicaid to Expand Access to Doula Care](#)

**READ** (5 minutes): [Private Insurance Coverage of Doula Care: A Growing Movement to Expand Access](#)

#### Session 8 Resources:

[Speaker Bios](#)

[Presentation Slides](#)

[Archived Session Recording](#)

[Session Q & A](#)