

Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2024

COMMUNITY-BASED DOULAS

What progress have states made in the last year to increase access to doulas?

State	State Context and Policy Progress
Alabama	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Alabama currently has a statewide committee exploring Medicaid coverage for doula care. Families in Birmingham can receive doula services through a community-based doula pilot program partially funded by the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
Alaska	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Families in Anchorage can receive doula services from a community-based doula pilot program funded by the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
Arizona	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Arizona is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates of \$16.28 per 15 minutes and a per diem rate of \$781.32. There are no minimum or maximum requirements for number of covered visits.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Arizona has a doula advisory committee focusing on state doula certification that started in 2022. Some families with Medicaid coverage can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by UnitedHealthcare, a Medicaid managed care organization in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>

<p>Arkansas</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No Arkansas is currently in the process of implementing a trust fund to support doula certification opportunities.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 51, which will fund the Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Doula certification opportunities are included in the fund.</p>
<p>California</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes California is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$3,153 total for vaginal delivery and up to \$3,263 total for cesarean delivery, for a total of 11 visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Doulas use the same rate as physicians, nurse practitioners, and midwives for the initial visit, prenatal visits, postpartum visits, abortion, and for labor and delivery. Nine additional postpartum appointments are available for coverage with a recommendation from a licensed Medicaid provider but are not included in the reimbursement rate total.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes California provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through a workforce financial support program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update California currently has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. California previously mandated private insurance providers cover doula services and started a doula workgroup focused on policy implementation.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Colorado</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Colorado is one of 20 states that actively reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,500 for a total of three hours of prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and three hours of postpartum visits.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Colorado provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through scholarships.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 175, which will require private insurance providers to cover doula services effective July 1, 2025. The bill also directs the Department of Public Health and Environment to partner with the state perinatal quality collaborative to improve infant and maternal outcomes.</p>
<p>Connecticut</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Connecticut is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage through the state's HUSKY maternity bundle payment program.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Connecticut provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through scholarships and a continuing education program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Connecticut has a doula advisory committee focused on doula training programs and certification options.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>

<p>Delaware</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Delaware is one of 20 states that actively reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid. The new benefit, effective January 1, 2024, covers three prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and three postpartum visits. As of October 2024, exact reimbursement rates had not been publicly released.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Delaware currently has an ad hoc doula committee to assist with policy implementation.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 345, which retroactively added additional postpartum visits to the Medicaid covered doula services. Additional postpartum visits can only be covered with a recommendation from a physician or clinician. The coverage was effective January 1, 2024. The approved state plan amendment for doula care does not currently include these additional visits, therefore the additional covered visits are in progress. Legislators also introduced H.B. 362, which would mandate private insurance coverage of doula services. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
<p>District of Columbia</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes The District of Columbia is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,951 for 12 visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Florida</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Florida is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,110 total per client, which are negotiated with each managed care organization.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1325/S.B. 372, which would have created a public registry of doulas and listed certification criteria for the registry. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
<p>Georgia</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Georgia, families can receive doula services through a pilot program run by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Georgia that is funded by two managed care organizations in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1216, which would have created a pilot program for doula Medicaid reimbursement. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

<p>Hawaii</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Idaho</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Illinois is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, effective February 1, 2024. As of October 2024, exact reimbursement rates had not been publicly released.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Illinois, Start Early, a statewide early childhood organization, uses early childhood and home visiting grant funds to provide doula services to families through their community-based doula program. The state does not allocate funds specifically for community-based doula programs or training.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 5142/S.B. 3665, which will require private insurance providers to cover doula services along with midwifery care, home births, and home visits, effective January 1, 2026.</p>
<p>Indiana</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1026, which requires that the Family and Social Services Administration provide staff support, including per diem and travel expenses, for doula reimbursement advisory board members who are not state employees, effective immediately. Legislators also introduced S.B. 269, which would have required private insurance providers to cover doula services. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
<p>Iowa</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Iowa, families can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by the Iowa Department of Health.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>

Kansas	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Kansas is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,295 total for 7 hours of prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and 6.25 hours of postpartum visits.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Kansas, some families with Medicaid coverage can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by UnitedHealthcare, a Medicaid managed care organization in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 499, which would have established a maternal mortality grant program to support community-based organizations that focus on improving maternal health outcomes for women of color and women in rural areas, including community-based doula organizations. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Kentucky	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Kentucky, some families with Medicaid coverage can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by UnitedHealthcare, a Medicaid managed care organization in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 74, which requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to conduct a landscape scan of national and statewide doula certification programs. Additionally, the cabinet must submit recommendations for doula training requirements to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services by December 1, 2024. Legislators also introduced H.B. 307, which would have established training requirements and administrative regulations for Medicaid coverage of doula services. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Louisiana	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Louisiana does not require coverage or reimbursement for community-based doula services under Medicaid, but five of the state's six managed care organizations include reimbursement for doula care in their benefit packages.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Louisiana requires private insurance providers to reimburse doulas services up to \$1,500. The state Department of Health also operates a doula registry board that is working on doula certification and registration.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 702/S.B. 142, which would have required all Medicaid managed care organizations to cover doula services. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Maine	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>

Maryland	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Maryland is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$930 total for four prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and four postpartum visits.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
Massachusetts	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Massachusetts is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,700 total for five to eight visits (depending on length of each visit) throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update As of December 2023, Massachusetts has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H. 4999 which will require Medicaid to cover doula services up to 12 months postpartum and cover services for adoptive parents until their infant turns one. Legislators introduced several bills (H. 1139, H. 1240, S. 680, S. 782, S. 2734, and S. 1415) related to Medicaid coverage of doula services and the creation of a doula advisory board. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1154, which would have created the Maternal Health Justice Fund to expand and manage the doula workforce and scholarship fund. As of October 2024, the introduced bills had not passed.</p>
Michigan	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Michigan is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,150 total for six visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services offers free trainings and stipends to participating doulas as part of the Michigan Doula Initiative.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Michigan has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. The state also maintains a doula advisory board and a statewide registry for doulas as part of the Michigan Doula Initiative.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators included \$6.8 million in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to support Medicaid reimbursement rates for doulas, fund doula scholarships, and support the statewide doula registry. As of October 2024, Michigan proposed a policy to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for doulas up to \$2,700 total. If approved, the policy will be effective retroactively as of October 1, 2024.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 5826/S.B. 826, which would have created an additional doula scholarship program to help cover the cost of books, workshop and exam fees, and membership fees. Legislators also introduced S.B. 820, which would have required state hospitals to implement a new policy allowing patients to have a partner or companion and a doula with them. As of October 2024, these bills had not passed.</p>

<p>Minnesota</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Minnesota is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$3,200 total for 18 visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update As of January 2024, Minnesota has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Mississippi</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Missouri</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Missouri is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,600 total for 6 visits throughout the entire perinatal period, attendance at labor and delivery, community services navigation, and lactation education. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a state plan amendment (SPA) to allow Missouri to reimburse for doula services, effective October 1, 2024. The approval of the SPA is in line with a temporary Medicaid benefit for doula services allowed under an emergency regulation issued by the Department of Social Services on September 27, 2024, and effective until March 28, 2025. A permanent regulation is expected to receive full approval when the emergency regulation expires.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Missouri offers training scholarships through its doula training grant program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Missouri, families can receive doula services through a state-funded pilot program.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted the state budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which includes \$500,000 for the Cora Faith Walker doula training program, \$100,000 for establishing a doula registration process and statewide registry, and \$225,000 for a study on the feasibility of, and recommendations for, a statewide doula program.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 2632/S.B. 1446, which would have created a statewide doula registry and S.B. 1238/S.B. 1222, which would have required private insurance providers to cover doula services. Legislators also introduced several bills (H.B. 2654, H.B. 2671, and H.B. 2239), which would have required Medicaid coverage for doula services. None of these bills passed this session.</p>
<p>Montana</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Montana did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>

Nebraska	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Nebraska, families can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative, the Medicaid managed care organization United Healthcare, I Be Black Girl, A Mother's Love, and Nebraska Medicine.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced L.B. 1278, which would have required Medicaid coverage for doula services. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Nevada	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Nevada is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,650 total in rural areas and up to \$1,500 total in non-rural areas for six visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Nevada provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through a grant program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Nevada did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No New Hampshire is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 337, which will create a voluntary certification process for doulas and lactation consultants through the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification.</p>
New Jersey	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New Jersey is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,065 total for eight visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery, and up to \$1,441 total for patients ages 19 and under, which includes 12 visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes New Jersey provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through the New Jersey Doula Learning Collaborative with HealthConnect One, a national leader in community birth worker training.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators included \$450,000 for the state community doula directory in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Legislators also enacted A. 5739/S. 4119, which requires hospitals and birthing centers to allow patients to have access to doulas throughout labor and delivery and requires they post this policy publicly. This bill was effective upon passage.</p> <p>Legislators introduced A. 4222/S. 3091, which would have established awareness campaigns for maternity care and doula services. Legislators also introduced A. 2223/S. 4214, which would have expanded protections for incarcerated pregnant people, including the right to a doula. As of October 2024, these bills had not passed.</p>

New Mexico	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No New Mexico is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators included \$5.8 million from the early childhood and education care fund for doula and lactation counselor services in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The state is waiting on federal approval of a state plan amendment to implement Medicaid coverage of doula services.</p>
New York	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New York is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,500 total for eight visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery in New York City, and up to \$1,350 total for eight visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery in the rest of the state.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No New York is currently in the process of implementing training scholarships for doulas in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In New York, families can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by the Department of Health until February 2025.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators included \$250,000 for doula training scholarships in the FY 2025 budget. The FY 2025 budget also authorized the Commissioner of Health to issue a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. The Commissioner made the recommendation in June 2024. Legislators also enacted A. 8529/S. 8080, which establishes a statewide community directory for doulas available for Medicaid reimbursement, effective immediately. Legislators also introduced several other bills related to community-based doula care. Bill topics included doula workforce financial support, doula-friendly hospitals, and access to doulas. As of October 2024, none of these bills had passed.</p>
North Carolina	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced H. 995, which would have provided grants for a list of specific organizations, some of which provide community-based doula services. Legislators also introduced S. 875, which would have established the Maternal Mortality Prevention Grant Program, with grants available for community-based doula organizations. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
North Dakota	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update North Dakota did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>

Ohio	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Ohio is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Ohio, the Doula Advisory Board through the Ohio Board of Nursing and Department of Health currently meets to discuss administrative regulations, scope of services, and reimbursement rates for doulas in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Oklahoma is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,044 total for eight visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
Oregon	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Oregon is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,505 total for two prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and two postpartum visits.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No Doulas in Oregon have access to doula hubs provided by the Community Doula Program that provide scholarships, training, and billing assistance, but the state does not provide funding for this resource.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Pennsylvania, as of January 2024, doulas can enroll with the state certification board and the board maintains a list of approved doulas. As of February 2024, doulas in the state can also enroll with Medicaid managed care organizations as members of the maternity care team.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1608, which would have required the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment or waiver for Medicaid coverage of doula services. The bill would have also created a doula advisory board. As of October 2024, the bill had not passed.</p>

Rhode Island	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Rhode Island is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,500 total for three prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and three postpartum visits.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Rhode Island requires private insurance providers to cover doula services in accordance with each insurers' respective principles and mechanisms of reimbursement, credentialing, and contracting.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
South Dakota	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No South Dakota is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1081, which would have required Medicaid reimbursement for doula services with a reimbursement rate of up to \$1,000 for six visits and attendance at labor and delivery at a licensed hospital or birth center. The bill did not pass this session, but the South Dakota Department of Social Services will include Medicaid coverage of doula services in its Pregnancy Health Home program. Implementation of this change is in progress.</p>
Tennessee	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Tennessee has a doula services advisory committee developing core competencies for doulas in the state and investigating recommendations for Medicaid reimbursement rates.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 2226/S.B. 1832, which will create the Maternal Health Equity Advisory Committee. The committee will provide a report to the governor, the chair of the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate, the chair of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives, and the legislative librarian by December 31st of each year, starting this year. The report may include recommendations and findings related to maternal health and community organizations. The bill recognized the role of community-based doula organizations in improving maternal health outcomes. Legislators also introduced H.B. 2225/S.B. 1739, which would require Medicaid coverage of doula services. The bills did not pass this session.</p>

Texas	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Texas, some families with Medicaid coverage can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by UnitedHealthcare, a Medicaid managed care organization in the state.</p> <p>Texas did not hold a regular legislative session this year.</p>
Utah	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 85, which would have required the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment to cover doula services under Medicaid. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Vermont	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 109, which mandates that the Department of Vermont Health Access estimate the cost of covering doula services through Medicaid to be included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget proposal. The bill also requires the Office of Professional Regulation to provide a recommendation on doula credentialing to the legislature by January 2025.</p>
Virginia	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Virginia is one of 20 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$959 total for eight visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 935/S.B. 118, which will require private insurance providers to cover doula services by January 1, 2025. Legislators also enacted H.B. 831/S.B. 490, which directs the Maternal Mortality Review Team to create a work group committed to the collection and review of maternal morbidity data. Findings and recommendations must be reported to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by July 1, 2026. The team must include community stakeholders, including doulas and doula organizations.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 997/S.B. 140, which would have established a Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team and required doulas to be included on the team. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

Washington	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Washington is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage. Benefits will begin on January 1, 2025.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No Washington is in the process of implementing a doula hub model.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Washington, some families with Medicaid coverage can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by UnitedHealthcare, a Medicaid managed care organization in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 5950, which requires Medicaid reimbursement for doula services. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a state plan amendment for the new coverage, and benefits will begin on January 1, 2025. Reimbursement rates are expected to be up to \$3,500. The bill also included \$100,000 to start a doula hub model in the state. The doula hub will provide professional and workforce development, increase access to doulas, assist with credentialing requirements, and assist doulas with the Medicaid provider enrollment process.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 2350/S.B. 6172, which would have expanded certification requirements for doulas to include knowledge of culturally congruent care. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
West Virginia	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes The state provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through a grant program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In West Virginia, families can receive doula services through a pilot program operated by the West Virginia Perinatal Partnership with support from the West Virginia Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health and the West Virginia Rural Maternity and Obstetric Management Services.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 5328, H.B. 5505, and S.B. 313, which would require Medicaid coverage for doula services. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Wisconsin	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Wisconsin does not require coverage or reimbursement for community-based doula services under Medicaid, but Medica, a Medicaid managed care organization, covers doula services through a partnership with Harambee Village, a community-based doula organization in the state.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Wisconsin, families can receive doula services through pilot programs in Madison and Milwaukee operated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced A.B. 1113/S.B. 1013, which would guarantee access to a doula for incarcerated pregnant people and limit the use of physical restraints for incarcerated pregnant people. As of October 2024, the bills had not passed.</p>

Wyoming	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related community-based doula care.</p>
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