

Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2025

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 enacted H.J.R. 275, which will formally recognize doulas as vital members of childbirth teams and the health and financial benefits of 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 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 26 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 the 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 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 Arkansas is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes In 2025, Arkansas began offering a trust fund at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to support doula certification opportunities.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1252, which will require Medicaid and private insurance coverage of doula services by December 31, 2025. The bill also requires the Department of Health to create community-based doula certification requirements and maintain a registry. Legislators also enacted S.B. 213/H.B. 1427, known as the Healthy Babies Healthy Mothers Act, which will require Medicaid coverage for doula home visiting services during the prenatal and postpartum period. Legislators also appropriated \$2 million in Fiscal Year 2026 to the Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The fund can be used for doula certification opportunities.</p>
<p>California</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes California is one of 26 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 receive 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 shown above.</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 introduced A.B. 29, which would allow doulas and community health workers to be eligible providers of Adverse Childhood Experience trauma screenings under Medi-Cal. As of September 2025, the bill had not passed.</p>
<p>Colorado</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Colorado is one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,500 for a total of 3 hours of prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and 3 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 As of July 1, 2025, Colorado requires private insurance providers to cover doula services.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Connecticut</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes</p>

	<p>In 2025, Connecticut became one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,200 for a total of four visits throughout the perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery.</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 enacted H.B. 7214, which will create a workgroup to investigate hospital doula policies and complete a study on implementing doula-friendly hospital policies. A final report will be due by January 1, 2027. Legislators also enacted H.B. 7102, which will require the state to investigate expanding the role of fathers in maternal health and create a strategic plan to generally increase access to birth centers. As introduced, the bill included provisions to raise the reimbursement rate for doulas under the HUSKY maternity care bundle, but these provisions were removed through amendments. Finally, legislators introduced H.B. 6572, which would have required implementation of doula-friendly policies by health care facilities and obstetrics and gynecology service providers. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
<p>Delaware</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Delaware is one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid. The benefit covers three prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and three postpartum visits. As of September 2025, exact reimbursement rates had not been publicly released.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes In 2025, Delaware began funding the Do Care Doula Foundation which provides doula training and development.</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 appropriated \$5,000 in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to the Do Care Doula Foundation which provides low-cost doula support, community outreach, and doula training and development.</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 26 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>

Florida	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Florida is one of 26 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. 747/S.B. 780, which would have created the Doula Support for Healthy Births pilot program in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Georgia	<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. 263, which would have created a pilot program for doula Medicaid reimbursement. Legislators also introduced H.B. 925, which would have, along with other maternal health provisions, created a 1-year pilot program for doula Medicaid reimbursement. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Hawaii	<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 introduced H.B. 434/S.B. 945, which would have mandated registration of doulas seeking compensation and require a public doula registry. Legislators also introduced H.C.R. 74/S.C.R. 71, which would have requested a sunset review on doula registration and regulation in the state. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Idaho	<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>

Illinois	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Illinois is one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid with reimbursement rates up to \$870 for one prenatal visit, attendance at labor and delivery, and two postpartum visits. Doulas can also be reimbursed for an unlimited number of perinatal education visits.</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. Illinois previously enacted legislation to require private insurance coverage of doula services by January 1, 2026.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 2423/S.B. 2437, which was amended to become the Certified Family Health Aide Program for Children and Adults Act. Among other provisions, the bill will require hospitals and birth centers to adopt public written policies and procedures to allow doulas to attend to Medicaid patients within guidelines for generally accepted medical practices. The bill will also allow the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Public Health to establish a standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals.</p>
Indiana	<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 Indiana has an ongoing Doula Reimbursement Advisory Board.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 522, which would have required Medicaid coverage of doula services. Legislators also introduced H.J. 4, which would have provided multiple patient rights including the right to be accompanied by a doula. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Iowa	<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 introduced S.F. 132, which would have required Medicaid coverage of doula services. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Kansas	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Kansas is one of 26 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 the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</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 Humana and Anthem, two Medicaid managed care organizations in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced multiple bills related to community-based care. The first bill, H.B. 814, would have required Medicaid coverage of doula services. Legislators also introduced H.C.R. 52, which would have created the Infant Mortality Task Force to make recommendations to decrease infant mortality. The bill would have recognized Medicaid coverage of doula services as a possible policy solution. Finally, legislators introduced H.B. 798/S.B. 226, which would have allowed incarcerated pregnant individuals to have reasonable accommodations for doula or midwifery care. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Louisiana	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Louisiana is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage, however, five of the state's six managed care organizations currently 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 for up to \$1,500. The Department of Health also operates a doula registry board that is working on doula certification and registration.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 454 which will require Medicaid coverage of doula services by January 1, 2026. Coverage will include at least five prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and three postpartum visits. Legislators also enacted H.B. 514, which modifies the existing Louisiana Doula Registration Board membership requirements and requires the Louisiana Department of Health to provide administrative staff.</p>
Maine	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Maine 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 L.D. 1523, which will require Medicaid coverage of doula services by January 1, 2026. Coverage includes at least four prenatal visits, attendance at labor and delivery, and four postpartum visits. The bill will also establish an advisory committee under the Department of Health and Human Services to provide advice and recommendations on doula services and requires a report from the Department on the development and appropriateness of doula Medicaid coverage by February 1, 2027.</p>

<p>Maryland</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Maryland is one of 26 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. The state previously announced an increase in reimbursements up to \$1,330 retroactively effective October 1, 2024. As of September 2025, no state plan amendment has been approved.</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. 1251, known as the Doula and Birth Policy Transparency Act, which will require hospitals to have a publicly posted policy that at least one doula is allowed to be present during births. The bill includes other provisions such as establishing informed consent policies for certain medical interventions during birth.</p>
<p>Massachusetts</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Massachusetts is one of 26 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 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 introduced H. 1333, which would have created the Maternal Health Justice Fund. The fund would have been used to pay for support staff for organizations and scholarships and was intended to support agencies providing maternal health through doulas and support community-based doula organizations. Revenue for the fund would be appropriated and gifted from private entities. Legislators also introduced H. 1312/S. 789, which would have required state employee insurance policies to cover doulas in line with the MassHealth reimbursement. Additionally, private insurers in the state would be required to cover a minimum of 20 hours of prenatal and postpartum doula services per pregnancy, and continuous support throughout labor and delivery. As of September 2025, the bills had not passed.</p>
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Michigan is one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$2,700 total 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? 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 introduced S.B. 31, 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 September 2025, the bill 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 26 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 Minnesota has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. The Minnesota Department of Health also operates a statewide doula registry.</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 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,600 total for six visits throughout the entire perinatal period, attendance at labor and delivery, community services navigation, and lactation education.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Missouri offers training scholarships through a doula training grant program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In Missouri, families can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by Healthy Blue Missouri, a Medicaid managed care organization in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted the state budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which includes \$500,000 for the Cora Faith Walker Doula Training Program, \$100,000 for doula registration and statewide registry, and \$225,000 for local nonprofits providing doula services. Legislators also introduced multiple bills related to community-based doulas. H.B. 890 and S.B. 260 would have created procedures related to doula certification and registration. H.B. 1095 and S.B. 94 would have codified the existing doula Medicaid coverage. S.B. 816 would have allowed certain department leaders to issue a standing recommendation for doula services to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. 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 Montana 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. 319, which will establish state licensing for doulas and requires Medicaid coverage of doula services by January 1, 2026. Additionally, the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 state budget appropriated one-time funding of nearly \$450,000 for the new doula coverage in FY 2027.</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 Rooted Doula Care and Support Program.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced L.B. 701, which would have required the Department of Health to create a workgroup to submit an implementation plan for Medicaid coverage of 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</p> <p>Nevada is one of 26 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</p> <p>Nevada provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through a grant program.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Nevada has an ongoing committee focused on doula certification.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 192, which would have allowed patients in hospitals and birthing centers to have a doula accompany them and required private insurance coverage of doula services. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No</p> <p>New Hampshire is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage. In 2023, legislators appropriated funds to implement a Omnibus package including Medicaid coverage of doula services. As of September 2025, no state plan amendment had been approved.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update New Hampshire continues to keep an updated statewide registry of certified doulas.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>

<p>New Jersey</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New Jersey is one of 26 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. The state also continues to keep an updated statewide registry of certified doulas.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted the state budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which includes \$450,000 for a community doula registry. Legislators also introduced multiple bills (A. 4222, A. 4694, A. 4944, A. 5609, A. 5830, and S. 3091) related to community-based doula protections, awareness, and Medicaid reimbursement for home births. As of September 2025, the bills had not passed.</p>
<p>New Mexico</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2025, New Mexico became one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$3,300 total for nine prenatal and postpartum visits and attendance at labor and delivery.</p> <p>Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes In 2025, New Mexico began offering a workforce grant program for doulas.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 214, known as the Doula Credentialing and Access Act, that will create guidelines for voluntary doula certification in the state. The bill will also create the doula credentialing advisory council that is required to host its first meeting by September 1, 2025, and create a doula fund that can be used to fulfill the provisions of the Act.</p> <p>Legislators also appropriated \$5.8 million from the Early Childhood and Education Care Fund for doula and lactation counselor services and \$600,000 from the fund to implement the Doula Credentialing and Access Act in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.</p>

New York	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New York is one of 26 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? Yes In 2025, New York began offering training scholarships for doulas.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update New York provides a statewide community directory for doulas available for Medicaid reimbursement.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted A. 1026/S. 809, which will require maternal health care facilities to publicly post policies that state patients are allowed to have a doula present for delivery, although doulas may not be allowed in operating rooms. Legislators also enacted A. 1019/S. 758, which states that maternal health care facilities are not required to allow doulas to accompany patients during emergencies or when it could compromise the safety of the patient or care team. Legislators also appropriated \$250,000 for the Doula Expansion Grant Program, providing funds for training, recruitment, and mentoring for doulas, in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.</p> <p>Legislators introduced multiple bills related to community-based doula care. Bill topics included doula care awareness, private insurance coverage, doula-friendly hospitals, and access to doulas. The bills did not pass this session.</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. 507/S. 483 and S. 463, which would require Medicaid coverage for doula services and additional funding for workforce support. Legislators also introduced H. 725/S. 571, which would create the Maternal Care Access Grant Program to provide grants for community-based organizations preventing maternal mortality and morbidity including organizations providing doula care. As of September 2025, the bills had not passed.</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 In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1012 which will direct legislative management to study access to maternal health services during the interim including Medicaid coverage and reimbursement of doulas. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1464, which would require a legislative management study for maternal care services including doula care. The bill originally included a requirement for Medicaid coverage of postpartum doula services but was amended during the legislative process.</p>

Ohio	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2025, Ohio became one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,200 total for 12 hours of 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 Ohio currently 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 has a Doula Advisory Board through the Ohio Board of Nursing and Department of Health that meets to discuss administrative regulations, and scope of services for doulas in the state.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted the state budget for Fiscal Year 2026. As introduced, the bill limited funding for doula Medicaid services to certain geographic areas. The provision was removed during the legislative process.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Oklahoma is one of 26 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 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$2,365 total for at least 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? Yes In 2025, Oregon began funding grants to organizations providing community-based perinatal care, including doula services.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 692, which will require the Oregon Health Authority to establish a Community-Based Perinatal Services Access program which will provide grants to organizations increasing access to community-based perinatal care, including doula services. Additionally, the bill will expand doula services covered by Medicaid to include a minimum of 24 hours of care and labor and delivery. The Fiscal Year 2026 state budget appropriates \$1 million to the Community-Based Perinatal Services Access Fund and additional funds to carry out the Medicaid provisions.</p> <p>Legislators also introduced S.B. 529, which would have included doulas in the definition of traditional health workers and S.B. 693, which would have created the Perinatal Workforce Task Force to evaluate the state's perinatal workforce, including doulas. The bills did not pass this session.</p>

<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2025, Pennsylvania became one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$2,550 total 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 Pennsylvania has an active Doula Advisory Board to assist with policy implementation.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.</p>
<p>Rhode Island</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Rhode Island is one of 26 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>
<p>South Carolina</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 introduced H.B. 3108 and S.B. 42, which would have required Medicaid coverage for doula services. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
<p>South Dakota</p>	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2025, South Dakota became one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,800 total for approximately 17 hours of visits throughout the 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>

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. Families in Memphis can receive doula services through the Root to Rise Community Doula Pilot Program. The program is open to Black families with TennCare who live in certain zip codes.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators appropriated \$1 million in non-recurring funds in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Tennessee Strong Families Doula Program grants. The grant provides funds to pregnancy centers and nonprofits to offer medical, mental health, and assistance services, such as doula care, to parents. Additionally, legislators introduced H.B. 295 and S.B. 44, which would have required Medicaid coverage for doula services and created a state certification process. Legislators also introduced S.B. 323, which would have extended the termination date of the doula services advisory committee from 2026 to 2027. 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 the last year, legislators introduced multiple bills related to community-based doula Medicaid reimbursement and workforce support. H.B. 2573, H.B. 3121, and H.B. 5583 would have required Medicaid coverage of doula services. H.B. 1201 would have started a pilot program for Medicaid coverage in limited areas. H.B. 2477 would have required certain governmental employee and retiree benefit plans to cover doula services. Finally, H.B. 514 and H.B. 2140 would have created committees focusing on maternal health, including doulas. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Utah	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Utah 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. 284, which will require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment to cover doula services under Medicaid by October 1, 2025 and establish training and registration requirements. Additionally, the Fiscal Year 2026 budget appropriated over \$500,000 for the implementation of the new doula Medicaid coverage.</p>

Vermont	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Vermont 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 Vermont continues to keep an updated statewide registry of certified doulas.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted S. 53, which will require Medicaid reimbursement for doula services by July 1, 2026 and establish a certification process for community-based doulas. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget appropriated \$25,000 to the Office of Professional Regulation to implement the new certification process. Legislators also introduced H. 79, which would have established a voluntary certification process for doulas. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Virginia	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Virginia is one of 26 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 Virginia requires private insurance providers to reimburse for doula services.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1614/S.B. 1418, which will increase the number of doula visits allowable for Medicaid reimbursement from eight visits to 10 visits total throughout the entire perinatal period. The bill also requires a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the implementation and outcomes of the additional coverage by December 31, 2026. Legislators also enacted S.B. 1384, which will require birthing facilities to allow doulas to accompany patients during births and cesarean deliveries.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 2325, which would have guaranteed access to doulas for incarcerated pregnant people. Legislators also introduced S.B. 140, which would have established the Fetal and Infant Morality Review Team and required doula representatives to be on the team. Finally, legislators also introduced S.B. 980, which would have required the Department of Medical Assistance Services to create a workgroup to investigate the feasibility of training community health workers as doulas. The bills did not pass this session.</p>
Washington	<p>Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2025, Washington became one of 26 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$3,500 total for 22 hours of 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 In 2025, Washington began funding a doula hub providing training, mentorship, and technical assistance for doulas.</p> <p>State Context and Policy Update Washington has a 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 S.B. 5182, which will guarantee access to doulas for incarcerated pregnant people.</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 the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 40 and S.B. 292, which would have required coverage of doula services under Medicaid and the Public Employees Insurance Agency. Legislators also introduced H.B. 2455, which would have protected the rights of birthing people, including access to doula care. 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 the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related community-based doula care.</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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