

Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2026

COMMUNITY-BASED DOULAS

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

State	State Context and Policy Update
Alabama	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Alabama currently has a statewide committee exploring Medicaid coverage for doula care. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 598, also known as the Rural Maternal and Infant Health Equity Act, which, among other provisions, would have required Medicaid and private insurance coverage of doula and midwife services. The bill did not pass this session.
Alaska	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Arizona	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Arizona is one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates of \$16 per 15 minutes and a per diem rate of \$781. There are no minimum or maximum requirements for the number of covered visits. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Arkansas	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2026, Arkansas became one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$712 total for cesarean delivery and up to \$855 total for vaginal delivery. Services covered include six visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Arkansas invests in a trust fund at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to support doula certification opportunities. State Context and Policy Update As of December 31, 2025, Arkansas requires private insurance providers to cover doula services. The state also maintains a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators appropriated \$2 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to the Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The fund can be used for doula certification opportunities.
California	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes California is one of 30 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. Services covered include 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. 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. 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. The state also maintains a statewide doula registry and requires private insurance providers to cover doula services. In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Colorado	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Colorado is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Colorado provides funding to support doula training and credentialing through scholarships. State Context and Policy Update Colorado requires private insurance providers to cover doula services. In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1044, which will require certain health facilities to make a statement available on respectful maternity care, including the right to a birthing companion or doula during labor and delivery, by January 2027.

Connecticut	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Connecticut is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No Though Connecticut previously offered funding for scholarships and continuing education programs for doulas, information on those programs is no longer available. State Context and Policy Update Connecticut has a doula advisory committee focused on doula training programs and certification options. In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 5561, which will require the Commissioner of Social Services to create a 5-year process to regularly review Medicaid provider reimbursements including doulas.
Delaware	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Delaware is one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,622 for a total of three prenatal visits, three postpartum visits, and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No Though Delaware previously provided funding for doula training and workforce development, that funding was not renewed for the next fiscal year. State Context and Policy Update As of December 31, 2025, Delaware requires private insurance providers to cover doula services. The state also has an ad hoc doula committee to assist with policy implementation. In the last year, legislators enacted the Fiscal Year 2027 budget without funding for the Do Care Doula Foundation which provides doula training and development. Previously, the Fiscal Year 2026 budget included \$5,000 to the foundation.
District of Columbia	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes The District of Columbia is one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid. In 2026, the District of Columbia adjusted reimbursement rates based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Economic Index (MEI) in accordance with the state plan amendment. The reimbursement rates increased from \$1,951 up to \$3,982 for 12 visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, councilmembers did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Florida	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Florida is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators appropriated \$704,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 to the Department of Health to establish the Doula Support for Healthy Births pilot program in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, targeting pregnant and postpartum women who have overcome or are overcoming substance use disorders. Legislators also introduced multiple bills related to community-based doula care. H.B. 1029 would have guaranteed the right for doulas and midwives to be present with clients during labor and delivery. H.B. 1043/S.B. 1456 would have established the Doula Workforce Development Support Program within the Department of Commerce to support doula training programs, doula organizations, and community-based birthing services providers. These bills did not pass this session.
Georgia	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1264, which would have created a pilot program for doula Medicaid reimbursement. The bill did not pass this session.
Hawaii	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Idaho	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Illinois	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Illinois is one of 30 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 at \$15 per 15 minutes. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In Illinois, Start Early, a statewide early childhood organization, uses early childhood and home visiting grant funds to provide doulas services to families through their community-based doula program. The state does not allocate funds specifically for community-based doula programs or training. Illinois currently has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. As of January 2026, Illinois requires private insurance providers to cover doula services. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 5189, which would have directed the Department of Public Health to contract for a statewide mobile application to promote awareness of maternal and infant health programs, including doula services among pregnant individuals. The bill did not pass this session.
Indiana	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Indiana has an ongoing Doula Reimbursement Advisory Board. In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 155, which would have required the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services to develop and implement a program to establish a doula certification and Medicaid enrollment process, determine reimbursement rates, and create a process to match Medicaid recipients to a doula. Doulas would be eligible for reimbursement of services up to 12 months postpartum. The bill did not pass this session.
Iowa	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In Iowa, families can receive doula services through a pilot program funded by the Iowa Department of Health. In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Kansas	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Kansas is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Kentucky	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No 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. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 471, which would have required the Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization in the state to cover and reimburse for doula services and would have required the establishment of state training and certification requirements. The bill did not pass this session.
Louisiana	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2026, Louisiana became one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,384 for five prenatal visits, three postpartum visits, and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No 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 to establish processes for doula certification and registration. In the last year, legislators introduced H.C.R. 110, which would have declared maternal mortality a public health emergency in the state. The resolution would have urged the Department of Health to create a comprehensive plan to reduce maternal and pregnancy-related mortality, including the evaluation of access to doulas, community-based care, and telehealth services in the state. This resolution was not adopted this session.
Maine	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. Implementation is expected in 2028. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Maryland	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Maryland is one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,428 total for eight visits during the perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Maryland considers doula Medicaid coverage to be a self-referred benefit, meaning any doula enrolled as a Medicaid provider in good standing can receive payment for providing services without physician referral. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1487, which would have established the Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to help provide mobile postpartum care including culturally competent doula care. The bill did not pass this session.
Massachusetts	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Massachusetts is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes In 2026, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health began offering doula training scholarships. 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. The state also maintains a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators appropriated \$1 million in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for operation of a doula certification program. The program sets clear standards for voluntary doula state certification. Legislators introduced H. 5021, which would have created the Maternal Health Justice Fund. The fund would have been used to pay for scholarships and support staff for organizations providing community-based doula care and other maternal health services. Legislators also introduced S. 789, which would have required state employee insurance policies to cover doulas in line with the MassHealth reimbursement and private insurance coverage of doula services. S. 3038 was also introduced to authorize a study of the components of S. 789. As of September 2026, these bills had not passed.
Michigan	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Michigan is one of 30 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. 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. 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. In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Minnesota	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Minnesota is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No 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 maintains a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators introduced H.F. 3779/S.F. 3768, which would have required private health plans to cover doula services with no referral or quantity limitations by January 2027. These bills did not pass this session.
Mississippi	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced multiple bills related to community-based doula care. The first bill, H.B. 78, would have required the Department of Health to establish competency-based voluntary state certification requirements for doulas and would have used the funds collected from certification fees to establish a new Birth Doula Certification Fund. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1296, which would have required the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Division of Medicaid, to conduct a study on the certification of doulas including the establishment of a state-specific doula training program, a doula registry, and reimbursement models for doula services, including Medicaid coverage. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1493, also known as the Mississippi Maternal Health Omnibus Act, which would have, among other provisions, created a pilot program for doula Medicaid coverage, required a study of doula certification and reimbursement, and established the Maternal Care Access Grant Program. Finally, legislators introduced H.B. 1623, which would have created the Maternal Health Pipeline Fund and a Maternal Health Scholars Program to encourage and financially support students in maternal health fields, including doulas and home visitors. These bills did not pass this session.

Missouri	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Missouri is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Missouri offers training scholarships through a doula training grant program. State Context and Policy Update Missouri currently operates a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators enacted the state budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which includes \$500,000 for the Cora Faith Walker Doula Training Program, \$100,000 to support doula registration and the statewide registry, and \$225,000 for local nonprofits providing doula services. Legislators also enacted H.B. 2372, which will codify the existing Medicaid doula benefit. The bill will also allow the Department of Health and Senior Services or the MO HealthNet Division of the Department of Social Services to issue a nonspecific recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. Legislators introduced H.B. 3168 and H.B. 3169, which would have expanded doula Medicaid coverage to include attendance at cesarean deliveries and up to 10 additional support visits. The bill would have also required private insurance coverage of doula services by January 2027. Legislators also introduced S.B. 1229, which would have required private insurance coverage of doula services and H.B. 1820, which would have directed the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a statewide doula registry. These bills did not pass this session.
Montana	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. Implementation is expected by the end of 2026. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Montana did not hold a regular legislative session this year.
Nebraska	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Nebraska is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage. Implementation is expected by 2029. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No 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. In the last year, legislators enacted L.B. 958, which requires Medicaid coverage of doula services by January 2029 and creates a workgroup to develop an implementation plan by January 2027.

Nevada	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Nevada is one of 30 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. 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. State Context and Policy Update Nevada has an ongoing advisory committee under the Nevada Certification Board focused on doula certification operations. Nevada did not hold a regular legislative session this year.
New Hampshire	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2026, New Hampshire became one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$12.50 per 15 minutes and a per diem rate of \$500 for eight visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. With the assumption that each visit is one hour long, total reimbursement is approximately \$900. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
New Jersey	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New Jersey is one of 30 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. 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 Collaborative currently functions as a regional hub model to support doulas in New Jersey. State Context and Policy Update New Jersey maintains a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators enacted the state budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which includes \$450,000 for a community doula registry and \$100,000 to provide information to the public about the services offered by doulas and midwives, the benefits of doula and midwifery care, and resources available. Legislators also enacted A. 3494/S. 1.077, which will establish the "Incarcerated Women's Protection Act" and allow for doula care for incarcerated pregnant people. Legislators introduced multiple bills (A. 3439, A. 2238, A. 4335, A. 4843, S. 1066, S. 2672, S. 4170, and S. 4185) related to community-based doula protections, awareness, and Medicaid reimbursement for home births. As of September 2026, these bills had not passed.

New Mexico	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New Mexico is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes New Mexico offers a workforce grant program for doulas. State Context and Policy Update New Mexico maintains a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
New York	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes New York is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes New York offers training scholarships for doulas. State Context and Policy Update New York maintains a registry of doulas available for Medicaid reimbursement and currently has a statewide standing recommendation to make doula services easier to access for Medicaid recipients by removing the requirement for individual referrals. In the last year, legislators appropriated \$250,000 in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Doula Expansion Grant Program, providing funds for training, recruitment, and mentoring for doulas. Legislators introduced multiple bills (A. 3508, S. 4583, A. 4879, A. 5709, S. 5665, S. 6494, A. 7332, S. 8622, S. 9868) related to community-based doula care. Bill topics included doula care awareness, private insurance coverage, doula-friendly hospitals, and access to doulas. As of September 2026, these bills had not passed.
North Carolina	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced multiple bills related to community-based doula care. Legislators introduced S. 908, which would have recognized doulas as essential members of the maternal health workforce and directed the state to establish fair reimbursement, fund doula support hubs and mentorship programs, provide operational grants to maternal health community-based organizations, and conduct regional workforce assessments. Legislators also introduced H. 1195/S. 906 and H. 1127, which would have directed the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants ranging from \$10,000-\$50,000 to organizations focusing on maternal health care, including organizations that offer doula services and train culturally congruent perinatal health workers. Finally, legislators introduced S. 964, which would have directed the state to seek CMS approval for Medicaid coverage of doula services during the prenatal and postpartum periods and appropriated funding for doula support services and technical assistance. As of September 2026, these bills had not passed.

North Dakota	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update North Dakota did not hold a regular legislative session this year.
Ohio	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Ohio is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Ohio currently has a statewide doula registry and 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. In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Oklahoma	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Oklahoma is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Oklahoma maintains a statewide doula registry through the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Provider Search. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 3904 and S.B. 1648, which would have required Medicaid coverage for home visits completed by doulas and community health workers, self-measurement blood pressure monitoring, and remote ultrasounds. Legislators also introduced H.B. 3286, which would have required all insurance groups and policies to cover all prenatal, postpartum, and newborn care provided by doulas, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Certified Nurse-Midwives (APRN-CNM), or Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) up to 1 year postpartum. These bills did not pass this session.

Oregon	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Oregon is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Oregon funds grants to organizations providing community-based perinatal care, including doula services. State Context and Policy Update As of January 2026, Oregon requires private insurance coverage of doula services. The state also maintains a statewide doula registry. In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 1568, which will establish coverage levels for Medicaid and private insurance at a minimum of 12 1-hour long visits or 24 hours of care by January 2028.
Pennsylvania	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Pennsylvania is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Pennsylvania maintains a statewide doula registry and has an active Doula Advisory Board to assist with policy implementation. In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Rhode Island	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Rhode Island is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Rhode Island requires private insurance providers to cover doula services in accordance with each insurer's respective principles and mechanisms of reimbursement, credentialing, and contracting. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B.7322, H.B. 7626, and S.B. 2358, which would have required the Rhode Island Department of Health to establish the maternal health workforce development program to expand diverse training pathways for maternal health workers including doulas. The bills would have also directed the Department to offer competitive community maternal health access grants to expand local programs including doula and community birth worker programs. These bills did not pass this session.
South Carolina	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

South Dakota	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes South Dakota is one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,800 total for nearly 18 hours of visits throughout the perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.
Tennessee	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Tennessee is currently in the process of implementing doula Medicaid coverage and has not released a timeline for implementation. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No 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. In the last year, legislators enacted S.R. 263 which urges TennCare to add Medicaid coverage for doula services. No implementation date is listed. Legislators also continued funding for the Tennessee Strong Families Doula Program grants and appropriated \$1 million in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. The grants provide funds to pregnancy centers and nonprofits to offer medical, mental health, and assistance services, such as doula care, to parents.
Texas	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Texas did not hold a regular legislative session this year.
Utah	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes In 2026, Utah became one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid, with reimbursement rates up to \$1,205 total for 8 hours of visits throughout the perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related to community-based doula care.

Vermont	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. Implementation is expected in 2027. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Vermont maintains a statewide registry of certified doulas. In the last year, legislators enacted H. 611/S. 162, which will delay the effective date for Medicaid coverage of doula services and the establishment of a state community-based perinatal doula certification program from July 2026 to July 2027.
Virginia	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Virginia is one of 30 states that reimburses for community-based doula services under Medicaid. In 2026, the state increased reimbursement rates from \$959 up to \$1,079 total for 10 visits throughout the entire perinatal period and attendance at labor and delivery. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update Virginia has a Doula Task Force that advises the Department of Health on doula regulations and certification, and the Virginia Certification Board maintains a statewide doula registry. Though the state previously passed legislation requiring private insurance coverage of doula services, that requirement has not been implemented. In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1468, which would have pushed forward the implementation of private insurance coverage. The bill did not pass this session. In the last year, legislators enacted multiple bills related to community-based doula care. The first bill, H.B. 838, will add Medicaid coverage for two linkage-to-care incentive payments for doulas providing postpartum and newborn care. Legislators also enacted H.B. 328, which will require the Bureau of Insurance to select a new essential health benefits benchmark plan for the 2029 plan year that includes doula care services. Finally, legislators enacted H.B. 860 and H.B. 1403, which create workgroups and advisory boards with at least one doula representative which are focused on the treatment of incarcerated pregnant people and maternal mortality and morbidity surveillance, respectively. Legislators introduced H.B. 336 and H.B. 1398, which would have established the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team with required doula representatives. These bills did not pass this session.
Washington	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? Yes Washington is one of 30 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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes Washington funds a doula hub providing training, mentorship, and technical assistance for doulas. 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. In the last year, legislators appropriated \$1 million in the Fiscal Year 2027 state budget to continue building a statewide doula hub and referral system.

West Virginia	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No 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. State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 470, which would have required the Bureau for Medical Services to file a state plan amendment for Medicaid coverage of doula services by October 2027. Coverage would include two prenatal and two postpartum visits reimbursed at \$125 each and adjusted annually for inflation. Legislators also introduced H.B. 5062, also known as the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Act, which would have required Medicaid reimbursement for home visitation prenatal and postpartum doula services, depression screenings, remote ultrasound services, and blood pressure management materials. These bills did not pass this session.
Wisconsin	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. Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? Yes In 2026, the Department of Health began funding organizations providing doula training through Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant funds. State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators introduced A.B. 1085/S.B. 1108, which would have required the Department of Health to implement Medicaid coverage for doula services. The bill would also require hospitals and birthing centers to have a public policy allowing doulas to accompany clients with Medicaid before, during, and after delivery. Legislators also introduced A.B. 1088/S.B. 1101, which would have required hospitals to provide a home visit by a doula, midwife, nurse-midwife, or other professional for new parents and infants, if requested, within 14 days postpartum. Additionally, legislators introduced A.B. 740 and A.B. 773/S.B. 755, which would have expanded the rights of incarcerated pregnant people to allow access to doula care. These bills did not pass this session.
Wyoming	Does the state cover and reimburse for community-based doula services under Medicaid? No Does the state provide financial support for doula training and workforce development? No State Context and Policy Update In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills related community-based doula care.

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