



Medi-Cal Doula Benefit Stakeholder Meeting May 25, 2022

DHCS Benefits Division

Agenda

Agenda Items

1	Welcome, introductory remarks, and logistics (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•René Mollow, MSN, RN, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility•Lisa Murawski, Chief, Benefits Division•Deitre Epps, CEO, RACE for Equity
2	Presentation & Discussion of Draft SPA Page Version 2 (40 minutes)	DHCS Staff and Workgroup Members
3	Break (10 minutes)	
4	Presentation: Differences Between SPA and Provider Manual (25 minutes)	DHCS Staff
5	Discussion: Demonstrating Enrollment Qualifications (25 minutes)	DHCS Staff and Workgroup Members
6	Wrap-up and Next Steps (10 minutes)	DHCS Staff

Future Stakeholder meetings*

- » July 1, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- » July 28, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- » August 24, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- » September 30, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Dates subject to change*

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Version 2

- » DHCS accepted comments on the draft SPA through April 13.
 - » DHCS received more than 60 recommendations
- » DHCS sent the updated draft SPA pages (version 2) to stakeholders on May 13.
- » DHCS informally submitted the updated draft SPA pages to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on May 18.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Version 2

» [Present draft SPA Version 2](#)

Information that would be included in the State Plan Amendment

- General and broad description of the services.
- Rate methodology
- Services recommended by a “physician or other licensed practitioner.”
- Required provider qualifications
- Any limitations on services (such as prior authorization requirements.)

Information that would be included in the Provider Manual

- Work of doula to address equity
- Greater detail on the definition of doula services
- Definition of full spectrum care
- Coverage during miscarriage and abortion
- Recommended trainings
- Guidance regarding telehealth
- Guidance regarding visits
- Process for exceeding nine-visit limit
- Postpartum period and coverage
- Flexibility in service locations
- Examples of covered services
- Continuing education requirements
- Providers who can recommend services

Information that would be included with provider application

- » List of documents necessary for application
- » When a certificate, attestation, or other document is required to demonstrate qualifications
- » Information needed for the doula registry*
- » Documentation that doulas need retain for their records

*Registry information would not be required as a part of the provider enrollment process

Two pathways to demonstrate qualifications

Training Pathway:

- Complete a minimum of 16 hours of training in the following areas:
 - Lactation support
 - Childbirth education
 - Foundations on anatomy of pregnancy and childbirth
 - Nonmedical comfort measures, prenatal support, and labor support techniques
 - Developing a community resource list
- Attendance at a minimum of three births

Experience Pathway:

- At least 5 years of active doula experience in either a paid or volunteer capacity.
- Attestation to skills in prenatal, labor, and postpartum care as demonstrated by the following:
 - 3 written client testimonial letters or professional letters of recommendation from any of the following: a physician, licensed behavioral health provider, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, licensed midwife, or community-based organization.
 - Letters must be written within the last seven years. One letter must be from either a licensed provider, a community-based organization, or an enrolled doula.

Doula Application Submission

- Driver's license or state-issued identification card
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification
- Health Insurance & Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) training
 - Certification or attestation? Requesting stakeholder input.
- Proof of training
 - Certification of completion or syllabus and attestation of completion
 - May include training taken in other states
- Testimonials
 - One written professional letter of recommendation on letterhead from a licensed professional with title and contact information
- Attendance at a minimum of three births, prior to application submission
 - Attestation
 - No protected health information should be included

Next Steps

- » June 22 – Final date to submit comments on SPA
- » July 1 – DHCS shares version 3 of the SPA during the doula stakeholder meeting
- » Mid-July – stakeholder comment period on version 3 of the SPA closes
- » End of July – DHCS shares final draft version of the SPA with stakeholders, CMS before formal submission

Questions?

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Contact Information

» Written comments are welcome:

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» For more information:

➤ <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Doula-Services.aspx>