



**Department
of Health**

NYS Medicaid Doula Services Benefit Town Hall December 1, 2023

**Office of Health Insurance Programs (NYS Medicaid)
Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Policy**

Town Hall

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The feedback in the context of this meeting will not be considered formal public comment on the proposed State Plan Amendment.

Guidelines for Sharing

- All are invited to speak at designated times
- Please use the "Raise your hand" function to note the desire to speak
- Individuals will be unmuted in order of request, unless they have already spoken, in which case individuals who have not yet spoken will be given priority
- Please keep comments to three minutes or less

Goals and Roadmap for Today

9:30-9:35 AM: Introduction

9:35-10:15 AM: Independent Health Presentation & Discussion

10:15-10:25AM: Medicaid Updates & Discussion

10:25-10:30 AM: Closing



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Independent Health Presentation

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Medicaid Updates: Standing Recommendation

- A request for issuance of a standing recommendation was submitted to the Commissioner.
- There is authority in the New York State Education law for the issuance of only certain specific standing orders, limited to certain vaccinations and testing (TB, HIV, HCV) as well as anaphylaxis and opioid overdose treatments.
- In legal review, it was determined that State legal authority does not exist for standing recommendations for services.

Communication with MMC Plans

NYS Medicaid's Role	Doula Stakeholders Engagement Opportunities
<p>Completed: Publication of Press Release Announcing Doula Benefit: New York State Prioritizes Maternal Health with Expansion of Medicaid Prenatal and Postnatal Benefits (ny.gov)</p>	<p>Speak directly with MMCs for information such as points of contact for contracting and reimbursement, criteria to contract and reimbursement rates</p>
<p>Completed: Initial presentation to the MMC Health Plan Medicaid Directors' Meeting</p>	
<p>Completed: Initial presentation to the Monthly Managed Care Policy and Planning Meeting</p>	
<p>Ongoing: Meetings with Division of Health Plan Contracting and Oversight to plan for statewide implementation</p>	
<p>Ongoing: Dialogue and sharing of information with public stakeholders</p>	
<p>Future: Finalized benefit presentations to the MMC Health Plan Medicaid Directors' Meeting and Monthly Managed Care Policy and Planning Meeting</p>	
<p>Future: Publication of Medicaid Update (formal communication to MMC providers and plans)</p>	

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Public Engagement Schedule

2023 Meeting Dates	
Tuesday, May 30	1:00-2:00pm
Tuesday, June 20	2:00-4:00pm
Friday, July 7	9:00-11:00am
Monday, July 17	11:00-1:00pm
Friday, August 11	10:00am-12:00pm
Friday, September 22	10:00am-12:00pm
Monday, October 16	2:00-3:00pm
Thursday, November 16	9:00-11:00am
Friday, December 1	9:30-11:30am

2024 Meeting Dates - Tentative	
January 9	<p>Second Tuesday of Every Month from 10am-12pm</p> <p>Additional Meetings to Support Provider Enrollment may be added</p>
February 13	
March 12	
April 9	
May 14	
June 11	
July 9	
August 10	
October 8	
November 12	
December 10	

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Next Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 10am-12pm

Registration Link To be sent via listserv

To be added to the listserv: doulapilot@health.ny.gov

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- You may continue to share input after today's event via email to doulapilot@health.ny.gov.
- For more information, visit [New York State Medicaid Doula Services Benefit \(ny.gov\)](https://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-medicaid-doula-services-benefit).

Thank you for your feedback.

End Presentation

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