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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

March 26, 2024

Amir Bassiri
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs
New York State Department of Health
One Commerce Plaza Rm. 1605
Albany, NY 12237

Re: New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0003

Dear Director Bassiri:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) NY-24-0003. This amendment proposes to add coverage to Medicaid for preventive health services provided by doulas to pregnant and postpartum individuals.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that New York Medicaid SPA 24-0003 was approved on March 25, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Melvina Harrison at 212-616-2247 or via email at Melvina.Harrison@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely


James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Regina.Deyette@health.ny.gov

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 4 — 0 0 0 3

2. STATE

N Y

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

§ 1905(a)(13) Other Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive, and Rehabil

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 01/01/24-09/30/24 \$ 6,375,000
b. FFY 10/01/24-09/30/25 \$ 8,500,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1-A Supp: Page 2(c.1.10)
Attachment 3.1-B Supp: Page 2 (c.1.10)
Attachment 4.19-B: Page 19(b)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

NEW

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Doula Services

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Amir Bassiri

13. TITLE

Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

December 28, 2023

15. RETURN TO

New York State Department of Health
Division of Finance and Rate Setting
99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza
Suite 1432
Albany, NY 12210

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

12/28/2023

17. DATE APPROVED

03/25/2024

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

01/01/2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

**New York
2(c.1.10)**

1905(a)(13) Other Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive, and Rehabilitative Services

Doula Services

Effective on or after January 1, 2024, New York State Medicaid will provide coverage of doula services provided in accordance with 42 CFR section 440.130(c).

Services:

Doulas provide physical, emotional, educational, and non-medical support for pregnant and postpartum persons before, during, and after childbirth or end of pregnancy. Doula services may include the development of a birth plan and continuous labor support; patient-centered advocacy, and physical, emotional, and non-medical support; education, guidance, and health navigation; facilitating communication between the Medicaid member and medical providers; and providing connections to community-based resources and childbirth and parenting resources. Services will include perinatal visits and labor and delivery support.

Doula services must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within his or her scope of practice under State law.

Provider Qualifications:

Doulas must be at least age 18 years of age or older, have completed basic HIPAA training and Adult/Infant CPR certification, and meet defined training or work experience pathway requirements as defined by New York State.

The training requirements pathway will include a minimum of 24 hours of training in doula competencies, and doula support provided at a minimum of three births. The work experience pathway will include having provided doula support at a minimum of 30 births or 1000 hours of doula experience within the last 10 years, and testimonials of doula skills. All doulas will be required to revalidate as NYS Medicaid providers every five years and demonstrate completion of continuing education in doula competencies upon revalidation.

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Effective January 1, 2024, the Medicaid rate for doula services will be in accordance with the qualified providers applicable fee schedule found online at:

[Doula_Fee_Schedule.xlsx \(live.com\)](#)

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