MARYLAND
Department of Health

Compliance Guide for New Regulations for Small Businesses

- What does this regulation do?
  The purpose of this action is to:
  (1) Establish coverage, requirements, and reimbursement procedures for doulas who enroll in Maryland Medicaid to provide services for pregnant and postpartum individuals; and
  (2) Add doula and home visiting services to the list of MCO-covered pregnancy-related benefits.

- Who is Subject to the new regulation?
  Doulas who enroll in Maryland Medicaid to provide services for pregnant and postpartum individuals.

- Why were the new regulations adopted?
  With the inclusion of maternal and child health as a population health priority area under Maryland's Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS), the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) recently committed $8 million in annual funding to support Medicaid initiatives to address severe maternal morbidity and pediatric asthma. Reimbursement for doula services is one of a suite of programs that the Department is supporting with this funding. As part of this initiative, the Department is establishing regulations under this chapter as part of the process of establishing new covered services and recognizing a new Medicaid provider type.

- When are the regulations effective?
  The regulations are effective immediately upon final approval.

- Is funding available to implement new requirements established by the regulation?
  Funding for implementation is available in the FY 2022 State budget.

- Are there other resources available for implementing the requirements of the regulation?
  The Department is developing resources for doula providers and will make them available on the Maryland Medicaid website closer to implementation on

1/1/2022.

- Is there assistance available to help understand the requirements of the regulation?
  See above. Additionally, the program contact for this proposal is: Marcia Crandall, Health Policy Analyst Advanced, Office of Innovation, Research, and Development, 410-767-6824/marciae.crandall@maryland.gov

Key Terms and Definitions

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