



# Medicaid Doula Program: Upcoming Request for Nominations for Certifying Organizations

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# Currently Approved Organizations

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- Ancient Song Doula Services
- Black Doula Training (BDT)
- Childbirth International (CBI)
- The Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPPA)
- Doulas of North America (DONA)
- Doula Trainings International (DTI)
- International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA)
- Mamatoto Village
- MaternityWise

# Pending Certified Organizations

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Organizations in red will be added as fully certified upon approval of regulations

- Ancient Song Doula Services
- Black Doula Training (BDT)
- **Birth in Color**
- **Birth Supporters United**
- Childbirth International (CBI)
- The Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPPA)
- Doulas of North America (DONA)
- **Doula Trainings International (DTI)\***
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\*DTI is already an accepted organization; however, we are adding an additional accepted certification from this organization.

# Network Adequacy Standards

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On October 17, 2022, MDH issued a provider transmittal aimed at improving doula network adequacy by allowing the following pending organizations to be considered for single case agreements with MCOs:

- Birth in Color: Community Based Doula Certificate;
- Birth Supporters United\*: Community Birth Doula Certificate; and
- Doula Trainings International: Full-Spectrum Doula Certification.

\*Note that the current transmittal identifies this organization as “Birthers United”. A transmittal to correct this is underway.

# Review Process & Timeline

Date or Time Frame	Action Step
10/26/2023 - 11/16/2023	<b>MDH</b> to issue the request for nominations <b>Doula organizations</b> to respond to requests for information
11/17/2023 - 11/22/2023	<b>MDH</b> to review nominations for any missing evaluation information <b>Doula organizations</b> to correct missing information
11/21/2023 - 12/08/2023	<b>MDH</b> to conduct a detailed review of applications
12/11/2023	<b>MDH</b> to issue notifications of certification approval
Upon promulgation of updated regulations	<b>MDH</b> to issue a transmittal with new guidance and add the newly approved organizations to the Professional Services manual

# Review Elements

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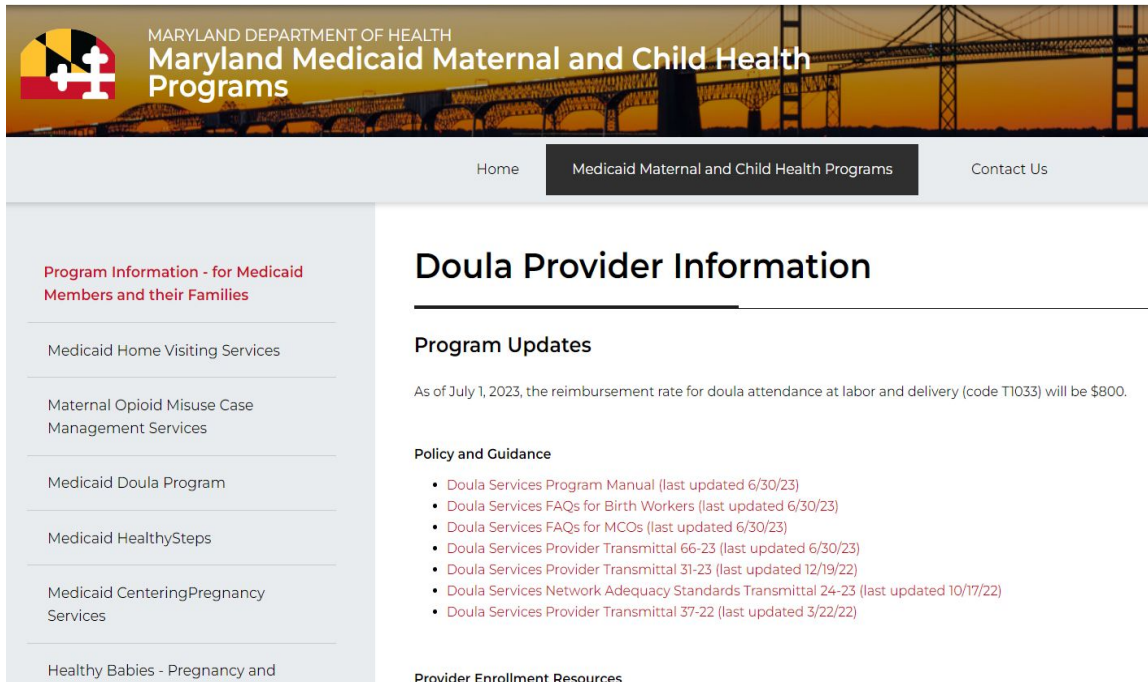
When an organization is nominated, Medicaid reviews the following information:

- Didactic (instructional) components
  - Covers entire perinatal period (pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum period)
  - Includes a test or examination administered following classroom training
- Practicum components
  - Must have observed a minimum of three doula-attended births
- Certifications Provided:
  - Describes whether the organization offers separate or combined certifications for prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum periods
  - Provision of certification upon successful completion of program
- Miscellaneous
  - Evidence of health equity focus
  - Attests to current training of doulas
  - Other relevant supportive information
  - Optional reference letter(s)

# Key Resources

Additional resources for Medicaid doulas can be found on the MDH website at:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/medicaid-mch-initiatives/Pages/DoulaProviderInformation.aspx>



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## Doula Provider Information

### Program Updates

As of July 1, 2023, the reimbursement rate for doula attendance at labor and delivery (code T1033) will be \$800.

#### Policy and Guidance

- Doula Services Program Manual (last updated 6/30/23)
- Doula Services FAQs for Birth Workers (last updated 6/30/23)
- Doula Services FAQs for MCOs (last updated 6/30/23)
- Doula Services Provider Transmittal 66-23 (last updated 6/30/23)
- Doula Services Provider Transmittal 31-23 (last updated 12/19/22)
- Doula Services Network Adequacy Standards Transmittal 24-23 (last updated 10/17/22)
- Doula Services Provider Transmittal 37-22 (last updated 3/22/22)

#### Provider Enrollment Resources



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