

# California Medicaid doula billing guide



Medi-Cal doula services

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**Payment model:** Extended initial visit, 90 minutes: \$197.98; Prenatal or postpartum visit, up to eight visits: \$162.11

**Protect client information:** Keep client names, Medicaid IDs, birth dates, service dates, claim numbers, visit notes, and signed records in private systems.

| Service                                                          | Code  | Modifier | Rate / unit |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------|
| Extended initial visit, 90 minutes                               | Z1032 | XP       | \$197.98    |
| Prenatal or postpartum visit, up to eight visits                 | Z1034 | XP       | \$162.11    |
| Support during vaginal delivery                                  | 59409 | XP       | \$685.07    |
| Support during vaginal delivery after previous caesarean section | 59612 | XP       | \$768.69    |
| Support during caesarean section                                 | 59620 | XP       | \$795.73    |

## Documentation checklist

- Keep the DHCS standing recommendation or a written recommendation in the member record before billing.
- For Z1038 additional postpartum visits, retain the second recommendation before the added visits begin.
- Use modifier XP on every doula claim line and choose a DHCS-listed diagnosis code for the service.
- Document service date, start/end time or duration, nature of care, support provided, referrals, and why the note supports the billed time.
- Verify the member's 14-character Medi-Cal BIC ID, eligibility month, and managed care plan before billing.

| Common denial check                      | Next action                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| XP modifier missing                      | Add XP to the billed service line before submission.                                                            |
| Diagnosis code does not match DHCS table | Confirm the service type and use one of the DHCS-listed diagnosis codes for that line.                          |
| California visit limit reached           | Check prior billed services and obtain a second recommendation before using Z1038 additional postpartum visits. |

**Official source:** DHCS Medi-Cal FFS Doula Billing Codes Chart - <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/providers-partners/medi-cal-ffs-doula-billing-codes-chart/>

Current links and updates: <https://doulapaid.com/states/ca>. Confirm each requirement with the Medicaid agency or health plan; payment is not guaranteed.