

District of Columbia Medicaid doula billing guide



DC Medicaid doula services

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Payment model: Perinatal doula support visit: \$107.89; Doula support at vaginal delivery: \$762.98

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
Perinatal doula support visit	99600	HD	\$107.89 / service
Doula support at vaginal delivery	59400	HD	\$762.98 / service
Doula support at c-section delivery	59514	HD	\$762.98 / service
Doula support at VBAC delivery	59612	HD	\$762.98 / service
Postpartum doula support, 15-minute increment	99199	HD	\$13.48 / 15 minutes

Documentation checklist

- Confirm the beneficiary is eligible for DC Medicaid, Alliance, or Immigrant Children's Program coverage and keep the DC Medicaid beneficiary ID on the private client record.
- Keep the physician or licensed practitioner recommendation that supports preventive doula services.
- Document service date, service type, duration when billing postpartum 15-minute increments, support provided, care coordination, referrals, and next steps.
- Track no more than 12 doula visits across the perinatal and postpartum period unless prior authorization is documented.
- For the postpartum incentive, confirm at least one postpartum doula service and the obstetric postpartum visit 7 to 84 days after labor and delivery.

Common denial check	Next action
Missing DC Medicaid beneficiary ID	Verify eligibility and add the beneficiary ID before payer entry.
Doula visit limit reached	Review prior billed visits and add prior authorization proof before creating another claim line.
More than one delivery support line	Choose the delivery subtype that matches the birth and remove duplicate delivery lines.

Official source: DHCF Transmittal 25-36: Medicaid Doula Services Rate Change Effective January 1, 2026 - <https://dhcf.dc.gov/publication/transmittal-25-36-medicaid-doula-services-rate-change-effective-january-1-2026>

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