

Louisiana Medicaid doula billing guide



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Payment model: Pre/postnatal nurse advocacy visit, as medically necessary: \$35.41; Prenatal/postpartum doula visit, part of the eight-visit pool: \$69.69

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
Pre/postnatal nurse advocacy visit, as medically necessary	99404	-	\$35.41
Prenatal/postpartum doula visit, part of the eight-visit pool	S9445	-	\$69.69
Attendance at labor and delivery by doula	99199	-	\$459 / service
Birth class, per session, part of the eight-visit pool	S9442	-	\$40.80
Lactation class, per session, part of the eight-visit pool	S9443	-	\$40.80

Documentation checklist

- Verify Louisiana Medicaid eligibility and the correct FFS or Healthy Louisiana MCO submission path before billing.
- Document the qualified doula's Louisiana Doula Registry Board status and Louisiana Medicaid enrollment.
- For S9445 visits, document whether the service was prenatal or postpartum, the support provided, and that the visit lasted no more than 90 minutes.
- Track S9445, S9442, S9443, and S9444 together because Louisiana counts those starred services toward eight total allowable visits, not including delivery.
- Bill 99199 for one attendance at labor and delivery per pregnancy and document continuous in-person labor/delivery support.

Common denial check	Next action
Louisiana eight-visit pool exceeded	Check already billed visits before submitting another S9445, S9442, S9443, or S9444 line.
Delivery attendance billed more than once	Confirm whether a 99199 labor and delivery line has already been billed for this pregnancy.
Registry or Medicaid enrollment not documented	Confirm registry and provider enrollment before submission.

Official source: Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Provider Manual - <https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/providermanuals/manuals/ps/ps.pdf>

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