

South Dakota Medicaid doula billing guide



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Payment model: Prenatal, postpartum, or care coordination doula services (per 15 minutes): \$16.87; Labor and delivery doula services (per delivery): \$600

No-PHI reminder: do not add client names, Medicaid IDs, dates of birth, service dates, claim numbers, or visit notes to public tools or shared PDFs.

Service	Code	Modifier	Rate / unit
Prenatal, postpartum, or care coordination doula services (per 15 minutes)	T1032	-	\$16.87 15
Labor and delivery doula services (per delivery)	T1033	-	\$600 flat

Documentation checklist

- Doula services require a referral from a physician, physician assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife with whom the recipient had a face-to-face or telemedicine visit within the last 90 days (or the care management program provider for BabyReady, Primary Care Provider Program, or Care Connect members); referrals may be retroactive up to 60 days.
- Bill T1032 in 15-minute units; a unit is attained only when the 8-minute midpoint is passed, and same-day time is cumulative across visits.
- South Dakota Medicaid covers a maximum of \$1,800 of doula services per pregnancy (per recipient within an 18-month period); exceeding it requires prior authorization via the General Prior Authorization Form.
- One T1033 labor and delivery visit is covered per recipient per pregnancy; the doula must be physically present and L&D; must be billed in conjunction with prenatal and/or postpartum services.
- Postpartum services may be provided up to 365 days after the end of pregnancy; care coordination, prenatal, and postpartum services may be face-to-face, telemedicine (GT modifier), or two-way audio-only (93 modifier) when documented.

Common denial check	Next action
Missing licensed-practitioner referral	Obtain and retain the referral (or care management program referral) before billing; it may be retroactive up to 60 days.
Per-pregnancy maximum exceeded	Tally prior doula payments and request prior authorization on the General Prior Authorization Form before exceeding \$1,800.
Labor and delivery limit reached	Confirm T1033 has not already been billed for this pregnancy and that prenatal/postpartum services were also provided.

Official source: SD Medicaid Doula Services Billing and Policy Manual - https://dss.sd.gov/docs/medicaid/providers/billingmanuals/Professional/Doula_Services.pdf

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