Birth Doula Billing Guide



Guidance for fee-for-service birth doula service providers



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Introduction

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) allows maternity care providers to work with certified and registered doulas to provide services to support to a birthing person during pregnancy, including before and after delivery, to individuals and families enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

What is birth doula?

A birth doula is a companion who provides personal, nonmedical support to birthing person and their families throughout a birthing person's pregnancy, childbirth, and post-partum experience.

About this guide

This guide explains how Birth Doula can qualify to serve OHP members and be reimbursed for services provided:

- Become a certified and registered Birth Doula
- Enroll as an Oregon Medicaid provider
- Bill and coding
- Documentation

Provider Enrollment

Certification and registration

The Traditional Health Worker Program certifies doulas. To serve OHP members, doulas must enroll with OHA as an Oregon Medicaid provider.

- How To Become a Certified Traditional Health Worker
- How to become a Birth Doula
- Traditional Health Worker Resources, Policies, and Laws
- THW-Approved Training Programs and Continuing Education

How new providers can enroll with OHA to become a OHP Provider

Obtaining a unique National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Once you are registered with the Traditional Health Worker Registry, your next step is to obtain a unique National Provider Identifier (NPI) by applying at The National Plan and Provider Enumeration System website. For reference, the taxonomy code for a Doula is 374J00000X.

Enroll as an OHP provider

To enroll with OHA as an OHP doula provider, complete form <u>OHP 3113</u>. Enter provider type 13, specialty code 600. Include your NPI and a copy of your OEI certification. To learn more, visit the <u>OHP provider enrollment page</u>.

If you have questions about enrolling with OHA:

If you have questions about how to enroll, contact Provider Enrollment at 1-800-336-6016 (option 6) or email provider.enrollment@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Billing and Coding

Reimbursement

For current rates, please refer to the <u>Medical-Dental Fee Schedule</u>. OHP covers doula support once per pregnancy for members with a benefit package that covers labor and delivery. The standard doula benefit is four maternity support visits (two visits before delivery and two visits after delivery), and doula support provided on the day of delivery.

Eligibility

Please verify OHP eligibility and enrollment prior to rendering service or billing. Go to the OHP Eligibility Verification page to learn more.

Billing

Required documentation

For all doula services billed to OHP, the patient's medical record must include the doula's name and the length of time that the doula provided services during the patient's labor and delivery.

Modifier NOT Required

Do not bill with U9 modifier Effected June 1, 2023

Billing tips

Instructions for billing OHP services are on OHP Billing Tips page.

Coding

Standard doula rates and accepted codes

Code	Description	Rate
59400	Standard doula benefit with support at vaginal delivery	\$1,500.00
59510	Standard doula benefit with support at cesarean delivery	\$1,500.00
59610	Standard doula benefit with support at VBAC delivery	\$1,500.00

59618	Standard doula benefit with support at attempted	\$1,500.00
	VBAC/cesarean delivery	

Partial service rates and accepted codes

Code	Description	Rate
59899	Support visit (up to 2 prenatal and 2 postpartum visits)	\$215.00 per visit
59409	Doula services day of delivery only – Vaginal delivery	\$645.00
59514	Doula services day of delivery only – Cesarean delivery	\$645.00
59612	Doula services day of delivery only – VBAC delivery	\$645.00
59620	Doula services day of delivery only – Attempted VBAC/ cesarean delivery	\$645.00

If you have billing questions or concerns:

For services to fee-for-service members, please review this guide, notices received from OHA. If you still have questions or concerns, call the Provider Services Unit at 1-800-336-6016 or email at dmap.providerservices@oha.oregon.gov.

Documentation

Documentation requirement

OAR 410-130-0015(4)

Birth doula providers shall document services provided for each encounter. The birth doula's record shall include the dates of service, a brief description of education or services provided, assessment of any client or member needs beyond routine care, and any referrals made. The goal of documentation is to verify services were provided and facilitate communication with other members of the birthing team.

Documentation retention

OAR 410-120-1360 (e)

Retain clinical records for seven years and financial and other records described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this rule for at least five years from the date(s) of service.