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Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to increase fee-for-service reimbursement for doula services

Date: June 8, 2022

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2022

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The SPA would increase the fee-for-service reimbursement for doula services from \$350 to \$1,500 per pregnancy. This fee covers payment for a minimum of two prenatal care visits, care during delivery and two required postpartum home visits.

OHA expects this rate increase to have a minimal fiscal impact on Medicaid fee-for-service expenditures. Based upon current utilization, OHA estimates the total fund expenditures to be \$34,140 for the period July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. There will be no fiscal impact on Medicaid expenditures paid to coordinated care organizations.

Background:

OHA recognizes the importance of birth doulas as traditional health workers who provide culturally responsive care that can lead to improved maternal health outcomes. This rate increase helps advance OHA's goal to eliminate health inequities by 2030.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2022, to jesse.anderson@dhsoha.state.or.us.