

Billing for doula services

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) encourages maternity care providers to work with certified and registered doulas to support mothers during pregnancy, delivery and after giving birth. Evidence shows that having the support of a doula improves birth outcomes.

This fact sheet is to help clinics and licensed practitioners bill OHA for doula services provided to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members.

Doulas are eligible for reimbursement as a practice expense

OHA will reimburse licensed, enrolled practitioners for certain services provided by doulas.

- Doulas must be certified and registered as Traditional Health Workers through OHA, and enrolled with OHA as Oregon Medicaid providers.
- Following OHA reimbursement, providers then reimburse the doula as a practice expense.

OHP covers doula support once per pregnancy for any woman whose benefit package covers labor and delivery.

Standard doula benefit rate and accepted codes

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. The maternity support visits can be at the mother’s home, or as part of a mother’s office visit.

- Bill only one of the following codes per patient.
- Bill after the day of delivery.

Code	Modifier	Description	Rate
59400	U9	Standard doula benefit with support at vaginal delivery	\$350
59510	U9	Standard doula benefit with support at cesarean delivery	\$350
59610	U9	Standard doula benefit with support at VBAC delivery	\$350
59618	U9	Standard doula benefit with support at attempted VBAC/cesarean delivery	\$350

Partial service rates and accepted codes

OHA will pay for partial services when a doula provides some, but not all, services included in the standard doula benefit.

- Bill code 59899 once for each visit actually provided (up to two prenatal and two postpartum visits).
- For labor and delivery support, bill only one of the following delivery codes per patient.

Code	Modifier	Description	Rate
59899	U9	Support visit (<i>up to 2 prenatal and 2 postpartum visits</i>)	\$50 per visit
59409	U9	Doula services day of delivery only – Vaginal delivery	\$150
59514	U9	Doula services day of delivery only – Cesarean delivery	\$150
59612	U9	Doula services day of delivery only – VBAC delivery	\$150

Code	Modifier	Description	Rate
59620	U9	Doula services day of delivery only – Attempted VBAC/ cesarean delivery	\$150

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.

Billing examples

These examples show billing for the standard doula benefit.

- The licensed practitioner services are billed using the appropriate delivery code (e.g., 59409).
- The doula services are billed using the appropriate code(s), followed by modifier U9, with the enrolled doula listed as the rendering provider.

CMS-1500 Example 1 – Single birth

	24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE						B. PLACE OF SERVICE	C. EMG	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER	F. \$ CHARGES	G. DAYS OR UNITS	H. EPSDT Family Plan	I. ID. QUAL.	J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #
	From	To	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		(Explain Unusual Circumstances)	MODIFIER										
	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY		CPT/HCPCS								
1	05	01	15	05	01	15		59409				1		NPI		
2	05	01	15	05	01	15		59400	U9			1		NPI		

CMS-1500 Example 2 - Multiple births (twins)

	24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE						B. PLACE OF SERVICE	C. EMG	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER	F. \$ CHARGES	G. DAYS OR UNITS	H. EPSDT Family Plan	I. ID. QUAL.	J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #
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1	05	01	15	05	01	15		59409				1		NPI		
2	05	01	15	05	01	15		59400	59			1		NPI		
3	05	01	15	05	01	15		59400	U9			1		NPI		