

Doula Services: Reimbursement

Doula services may be reimbursed from the date of confirmed pregnancy through one hundred and eighty (180) days (six months) after the end of a pregnancy, contingent on the client maintaining Medicaid eligibility, and if medically necessary. The District will reimburse up to twelve (12) perinatal, childbirth, and postpartum visits, including attendance at delivery. The twelve (12) visits include a maximum of one (1) doula consultation and can be allocated across the perinatal, childbirth, and postpartum period.

Each perinatal and childbirth service visit shall be billed and reimbursed per visit, regardless of the length of time. Postpartum service visits shall be billed and reimbursed separately as a unit of service and shall be billed in fifteen (15) minute increments and reimbursed at a per-unit rate. A postpartum service visit shall not exceed twenty-four (24) units or six (6) hours per visit.

During the postpartum period, there will be an additional value-based incentive payment made to the Doula if the Doula performs at least one (1) postpartum service visit and the client is seen by an obstetric clinician for one (1) postpartum visit after a labor and delivery claim.

The Agency's fee schedule rates for doula services are set as of October 1, 2022 and are effective for services on or after that date. The rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All applicable rates are published on the District's website at <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/rates-and-reimbursements>. Reimbursement rates shall be adjusted annually based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicare Economic Index (MEI).