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Department of Health Care Finance



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TO: District of Columbia Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: New Doula Certification Entities Added for DHCF Enrollment

Purpose

Effective immediately, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will expand the number of certifying entities that are considered to provide an acceptable doula certification to qualify for enrollment with DHCF. This change is intended to improve access to doula services by broadening the number of doulas who may enroll with DHCF.

All other requirements laid out in [Transmittal #22-34](#) and [Transmittal #22-39](#) are still applicable to doulas registering with DHCF. This Transmittal does not affect the status of any other certifying entities in relationship to the DHCF enrollment process.

Details

Acceptable doula certification will include certifications from the following doula training entities:

- 22. Mama Glow
- 23. Birthing from Within
- 24. International Doula Institute

Contact

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