

Michigan Doula Advisory Council Meeting Notes

October 12, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm

Notes

1. Attendance

- Doula Advisory Council (DAC) - Anesha Stanley, Bianca Nash-Miot, Erika Millender, Jessica English, Kaela Wabanimkee-Harris, Kara Conger, Kiara Baskin, Kristen Schell, Lakeshia Grant, Laurie Vance, Lorenda Lewis, Montreise Giles, Nyasia Countee, Robena Hill, and Tamara Villavicencio
- MDHHS Staff - Chelsea Low Darling, Deanna Charest, Lisa Dileria, List Whitener, and Kendorah Cruz

2. Welcome and Sign In


- Review of September Meeting Notes
- Sharing Opportunity

3. MDHHS Doula Initiative Update

- Doula Registry: Regional Distribution
 - There are 252 doulas total; 104 of them are Medicaid-enrolled doulas.

Doulas	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10
Total	8	25	20	49	14	25	22	36	76	118
Medicaid	7	12	10	26	7	18	6	21	45	66

- Invoicing Process
 - The new process for council members to track their time for reimbursement was presented which includes using an Excel spreadsheet and additional options for returning signed invoices. Comprehensive instructions will be sent to council members on the new spreadsheet and invoicing process.
- Updated Doula Special Contact List
 - The Medicaid Health Plans provide special contacts for doulas who require assistance from the plans. These contacts serve as a support resource for doulas who have already reached out to general Medicaid Health Plan support and require additional 'doula specific' assistance. The doula special contact list can be found on the MDHHS Doula Initiative website under [Medicaid, Billing and Claims](#); scroll down to Medicaid Health Plan.
- Doula Initiative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and Medicaid Doula 101 FAQ

- The Doula Initiative FAQ document can be found on the Doula Initiative website within the Resources for Doulas section, Medicaid, Billing and Submitting Claims area ([Frequently Asked Questions Guidance](#))
- Medicaid Doula 101 FAQs can be found on the [Medicaid Professional \(michigan.gov\)](#) website under the doula provider heading and linked from the Doula Initiative website ([Medicaid, Billing and Claims](#)). 
- Call for MDHHS-Sponsored Doula Trainings FY24
 - MDHHS Doula Initiative is seeking applications to sponsor doula training organizations across the State of Michigan. Trainings must be on the MDHHS-approved doula training list. Applications must include a curriculum outline, trainer verification, budget proposal, promotion of trainings, among other items. Approved training applications will receive funding to support trainer fees, registration fee per person, venue rental, training materials and meals provided during the training. Training participants are eligible to receive a stipend of \$20 per hour of training (maximum of 30 hours). **Applications must be submitted by October 31, 2023.** For questions, contact us at MDHHS-MIDoula@michigan.gov.
- Reviewing additional doula trainings to be added to the MDHHS-approved list has been paused until 2024 to focus on council workgroups and other projects.
- MDHHS will be sending out a survey by the end of the October to establish the 2024 DAC meeting schedule. The survey will discuss alternating month DAC meetings, scheduling meetings for 2024 and proposing in person meetings.

4. DAC Workgroups met in breakout rooms for the remainder of the meeting.

5. Closing Comments and Ideas for Upcoming Meetings

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - i. Workgroups will report out to larger DAC