

**REVISED LEGAL NOTICE****STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES****Doula Services**

TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan and Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) in order to provide doula services. This Revised Notice updates the estimated financial impact of the proposed state plan amendment set forth in the Notice published on July 28, 2019.

The new doula benefit is a key part of a package of maternal health reforms under NurtureNJ, a campaign led by First Lady Tammy Murphy to reduce racial disparities in maternal and infant health. The doula benefit is being implemented in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) and in conversation with practicing community-based doulas from throughout the state.

Doulas work in a variety of settings and have been trained to provide physical, emotional, and informational support to a pregnant person before, during, and after birth. Services will be community-based and culturally-competent. Doulas qualified to serve Medicaid's pregnant enrollees will be expected to possess training in evidence-based perinatal support, culturally-competent delivery of care, and community-based resources available to the parent. A doula cannot replace a doctor or midwife and cannot deliver a baby.

Subject to CMS approval, New Jersey intends to provide prenatal, postnatal, labor and delivery doula services. The anticipated costs for the proposed Title 19 amendment by SFY are as follows: SFY21: \$66,600 (\$33,300 state; \$33,300 federal), SFY22: \$133,200 (\$66,600 state; \$66,600, federal). The estimated financial impact of the proposed ABP amendment is anticipated to be

\$38,700 total for SFY2021 (\$3,900 state funds and \$34,800 federal funds) and \$77,400 for SFY2022 (\$7,700 state funds and \$69,700 federal funds).

The fee schedule will be published on the Department's fiscal agent's website at <https://www.njmmis.com> under "rate and code information" when available.

The ABP was established in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) when New Jersey expanded Medicaid effective January 1, 2014 to parents and caretaker relatives and childless adults with income up to and including 133% of the federal poverty level. The ACA requires the establishment of an Alternative Benefit package for the Medicaid Expansion populations. The ABP must cover 10 Essential Health Benefits as described in section 1302(b) of the ACA and the State assures that there will be full access to EPSDT services for people under 21 years of age. A list of services can be found on the DHS website at the site listed below. This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations, specifically 42 C.F.R. 440.386, 42 CFR 447.205, and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13). A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department's website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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