

**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. Doulas work in a variety of settings and have been trained to provide physical, emotional, and informational support to a mother before, during, and just after birth and/or provide emotional and practical support to a mother during the postpartum period. A doula does not 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 estimated financial impact of the proposed Title XIX amendment is anticipated to be \$480,000 total for SFY2020 (\$240,000 state funds and \$240,000 federal funds) and \$480,000 for SFY2021 (\$240,000 state funds and \$240,000 federal funds). The estimated financial impact of the proposed ABP amendment is anticipated to be \$20,000 total for SFY2020 (\$10,000 state funds and \$10,000 federal funds) and \$20,000 for SFY2021 (\$10,000 state funds and \$10,000 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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