



Do You Need Doula Support?

Doula services are here for L.A. Care Medi-Cal members!

Health in Motion™

What is a Doula?

A doula is a birth worker who provides support before, during and after childbirth. Doulas can provide:

- ⌘ Birth planning
- ⌘ Breastfeeding help
- ⌘ Health navigation
- ⌘ Mental health support
- ⌘ Education
- ⌘ Links to local resources

What are the benefits of doula services?

Doula services may:

- ⌘ Lower the risk of problems during pregnancy
- ⌘ Improve mental well-being
- ⌘ Lower risk of a C-section
- ⌘ Improve health results for parents and babies
- ⌘ Lower the need for medicine during birth

Who can get services?

L.A. Care Medi-Cal members can get doula services if:

- ✔ Living in Los Angeles County
- AND
- ✔ Pregnant within the past 12 months.

A doctor or other licensed expert can recommend doula services. The doctor or licensed expert should send the form directly to an in-network doula or doula organization.

What is included?

The first 90 minute visit

At this visit the doula will answer questions and talk about a birth plan.

Up to 8 more visits

- ⌘ These visits can be pre-birth and after birth.
- ⌘ The doula can be there at the time of labor/birth to offer support.
- ⌘ Pregnancy that ends in a stillbirth, abortion, or miscarriage is covered.

Up to 2 additional after birth visits

- ⌘ Talk with the doula about breast-feeding, mental health, sleeping patterns or any other concerns.
- ⌘ Visits can last up to 3 hours.



Want more info? Please call **1.888.839.9909** (TTY 711) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays or visit **lacare.org/pregnancy** for more info.

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