

**September 2020 Learning Institute Breakout Session Notes**

**Session Title**: Medicaid Levers to Advance Maternal Health Outcomes

**Session Number**: Maternal Health topic Breakouts #1C

**Main session takeaways (no more than 5)**

1. Lots of resources available to states that want to look at extending Medicaid coverage past 60 days postpartum. These include talking points and other information that can be used by variety of audiences to make the case. Increased attention to Maternal Mortality has led to more openness in many states for extending coverage. Advise states to go for a year postpartum; though there may be compromise there, for example in GA an extension to 6 months was achieved recently.
2. Extension can happen through 1115 Waivers (most common), State Plan amendments, or ACA Medicaid Expansion
3. Q in chat: Do all states have to go through legislation? Other 1115 waivers have just been done through state Medicaid, right? Bill - it varies by state. In GA there is requirements for legislative approval of any waivers - this isn’t the case in all states. Angie - also need to consider budget implications when thinking of who needs to ‘approve’ even without legislation. Generally wise to let your state legislature know regardless.
4. Doula Coverage: Current policies in several states. Several cover Doula services. National Law program (included in resources) that tracks the coverage and legislation around coverage for Doulas. Several states enacted in 2019. More in 2020.
5. Doula coverage in NM - with Bill’s help they approached state Medicaid office (as required for RMOMS) to share introductory information; then they recommended getting some data to compare to other states. Reimbursement v. cost. Then they added local data. Working with Medicaid as a partner at the table to figure it out. Still in first steps, but hopeful for where it may go. Testament to how diverse it is across states. Hard to compare the landscape here.

**Resources shared**

ACOG Advocacy Resources

* [Policy Priorities: Extend Postpartum Medicaid Coverage](https://www.acog.org/advocacy/policy-priorities/extend-postpartum-medicaid-coverage)
* [State Legislative and Regulatory Pathways](https://www.acog.org/-/media/project/acog/acogorg/files/advocacy/pathways-extending-medicaid-coverage-for-pregnant-women-beyond-60-days-postpartum.pdf)
* [Postpartum Extension Q&A](https://www.acog.org/-/media/project/acog/acogorg/files/advocacy/qanda-extending-medicaid-coverage-for-pregnant-women-beyond-60-days-postpartum.pdf)
* [Postpartum Extension Talking Points](https://www.acog.org/-/media/project/acog/acogorg/files/advocacy/talkingpoints-extending-medicaid-coverage-for-pregnant-women-beyond-60-days-postpartum.pdf)
* [Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Extended During COVID-19: Resources for Your Practice](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.acog.org/practice-management/payment-resources/resources/postpartum-medicaid-coverage-extended-during-covid-19&data=02|01|wrencher1@gsu.edu|9636d92974d74b193e3f08d85c037363|515ad73d8d5e4169895c9789dc742a70|0|0|637360519274086655&sdata=/7DolkJIwy/1xZ2/BAsogvI04zaH9koTrJ64P0JKmyw%3D&reserved=0)

Other Resources

* [Equitable Maternal Health Coalition (2020) Postpartum Medicaid Toolkits](https://www.equitablemhc.org/ppmedicaidtoolkits)
* [Making the Case for Extending Medicaid Coverage Beyond 60 Days Postpartum: A Toolkit for State Advocates](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ed4f5c9127dab51d7a53f8e/t/5ee12b312ecd4864f647fe67/1591814991589/State%2BWhite%2BPaper%2B061020-V6.pdf&data=02|01|wrencher1@gsu.edu|9636d92974d74b193e3f08d85c037363|515ad73d8d5e4169895c9789dc742a70|0|0|637360519274076657&sdata=NVqt96BrvHyQf1J/BxJtLoUZs7epR7Eg%2B3nai5jSFdM%3D&reserved=0)
* [Continuing Medicaid/CHIP Postpartum Coverage](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ed4f5c9127dab51d7a53f8e/t/5ee113529592717e00288400/1591808867699/Maternal%2BHealth%2BFederal%2BTalking%2BPoints%2B060820-V7b.pdf&data=02|01|wrencher1@gsu.edu|9636d92974d74b193e3f08d85c037363|515ad73d8d5e4169895c9789dc742a70|0|0|637360519274076657&sdata=i7YVz11WuK5LIAFt8VGFg7GE4zprpWdBbMP2zzQmApE%3D&reserved=0)
* [Frequently Asked Questions: Continuing Medicaid/CHIP Postpartum Coverage](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ed4f5c9127dab51d7a53f8e/t/5ee1132fb3c6091c250b6b20/1591808821470/Maternal%2BHealth%2BFederal%2BFAQs%2B060820-V7b.pdf&data=02|01|wrencher1@gsu.edu|9636d92974d74b193e3f08d85c037363|515ad73d8d5e4169895c9789dc742a70|0|0|637360519274086655&sdata=75qg0WMCHUn3F6%2B18N5srvbjAJxz6ZwszNDXJv8RvMc%3D&reserved=0)

Doula Resources

* [NASHP Report on Four State Strategies to Employ Doulas](https://www.nashp.org/four-state-strategies-to-employ-doulas-to-improve-maternal-health-and-birth-outcomes-in-medicaid/)
* [Health Law Project on Doulas in Medicaid with State Legislative tracker](https://healthlaw.org/doulamedicaidproject/)
* [NASHP Doula ROI Infographic](https://infogram.com/doula-infographic-new-1hke60dozvx125r?live)
* [Oregon's Doula Scope of Practice](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/THWMtgDocs/THW%20Scope%20of%20Practice%20Doula_03-28-16.pdf)

**Resources needed**

AMCHP extension resource(s) not reflected in above from Alyson.