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Standing Orders for Doula Services

Doula services require a written recommendation by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within their scope of practice under state law.

The initial recommendation can be provided through the following methods:

- ❖ Written recommendation in beneficiary's record.
- ❖ Standing order for doula services by plan, physician group, or other group by a licensed provider.
- ❖ Standard form signed by a licensed provider that a beneficiary can provide to a doula.

Eligibility

Providers should verify the recipient's Medi-Cal eligibility for the month of service for fee-for-service claims. A beneficiary who is pregnant, or was pregnant within the past year, and would either benefit from doula services or requests doula services, would meet the medical necessity criteria for a recommendation for doula services. Doula services may only be provided during pregnancy; during labor and delivery, miscarriage, and abortion; and within one year of the end of a beneficiary's pregnancy.

This document serves as a standing order approving Doula services for Central California Alliance for Health members who meet the eligibility criteria listed above.

Signed: Dennis Hsieh, MD, JD - Chief Medical Officer