STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED MEDICAL AND REMEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Doula Services

The Medicaid program provides coverage for doula services to eligible beneficiaries with a pregnancy confirmed by a medical provider. Doula services will be used to provide support for eligible beneficiaries throughout the prenatal and postpartum periods.

Provider Qualifications

- A. A qualified doula is an individual who:
 - 1. has been trained to provide physical, emotional, and educational support to pregnant and birthing women and their families;
 - 2. has approved registration with the Doula Registry Board; and
 - 3. enrolled as a Louisiana Medicaid provider.
- B. A qualified doula shall not provide medical or midwifery care.

Scope of Services

- A. Covered doula services may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. assistance and attendance during labor and after childbirth, including cesarean deliveries;
 - 2. prenatal and postpartum support and education;
 - 3. breastfeeding assistance and lactation support;
 - 4. parenting education; and
 - 5. support for birthing women after the loss of a pregnancy.
- B. Coverage limitations:
 - 1. five prenatal visits for up to 90 minutes each; and
 - 2. three postpartum visits for up to 90 minutes each.

Labor and delivery services must be provided in conjunction with prenatal and/or postpartum doula services.