

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM, UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Citation</u>	Medical and Remedial	<u>MIDWIFERY SERVICES</u>
42 CFR	Care and Services	
440.165	Item 17	

I. Reimbursement Methodology

The reimbursement rate shall be 80 percent of the rate on file on the professional services fee schedule for covered services and 100 percent of the rate on file for a designated group of procedures as determined by the Medicaid Program. Services related to pregnancy and childbirth provided by certified nurse midwives (including licensed midwives), are reimbursed at 95 percent of the physician fee on file and 100 percent of the rate on file for a designated group of procedures as determined by the Department.

State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both public and private providers of the midwifery services. The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of May 12, 2023, and are effective for service provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.lamedicaid.com.

II. Standards for Payment

Certified nurse midwives are professional nurses currently licensed in Louisiana and legally authorized to practice midwifery. Certified nurse midwives must enroll as Medicaid providers in order to be reimbursed for their services. Certified nurse midwives must obtain an individual Medicaid provider number.

Billing the agency for services rendered is the responsibility of the certified nurse midwife.

If a physician is not called in, no physician may be paid. If a physician is called in, it is the responsibility of the physician and the certified nurse midwife to determine who will bill the agency for respective services rendered. In no case will Medicaid pay twice for the same service.

All claims filed for reimbursement must identify the nurse midwife as the attending provider if he/she is employed by or under contract with a Medicaid enrolled physician or physician group.

Nurse midwives shall not bill separately for his/her services when he/she is employed by or under contract with a Medicaid enrolled provider whose reimbursement is based on cost reports that include the cost of their salary.