PREMATURITY COLLABORATIVE POLICY WORKGROUP

April 18, 2019
4:00-5:00 PM ET
GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

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AGENDA FOR TODAY’S MEETING

Welcome – Cindy Pellegrini & Andrea Kane

Announcements and Updates
• Federal and State Updates

Reimbursement for Doula Support
• What is a Doula? Penny Simkin, PT, CD (DONA), CCE, Senior Faculty, Simkin Center, Bastyr University, Author, Expert, Co-Founder of DONA International
• MOD Doula Statement, Cindy Pellegrini, SVP Public Policy and Government Affairs, March of Dimes
• Nan Strauss, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Every Mother Counts
• Doula Legislation in Northeast, Erin Jones, Regional Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs, March of Dimes.
• ACOG Statement – Dr. Ann E.B. Borders, MD, MSc, MPH, ACOG

Closing Business
• Upcoming meetings
• Call to Action
• Secondary meeting on doulas: May 14th 4-5pm ET/ 1-2pm PT

Adjourn
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES
FEDERAL UPDATES

Title X family planning update
• New grant awards announced
• Litigation update
• Appropriations update
STATE UPDATES

TEXAS

• HB 744 and HB 1110 extend Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60 days to one year for women receiving Medicaid services in Texas.

• Both bills have been heard in the House Human Services committee and left pending in committee.

• A current version of the House budget includes $15 million to support the extension. More discussions are forthcoming as the conferees have been appointed from both the House and Senate for a budget conference committee. More money could be added to the budget for this initiative.

ILLINOIS:

• SB 1909 contains several provisions we support, including, but not limited to extending postpartum coverage from 60 days to one year for public and private insurance, establishing maternal levels of care, and providing eligibility for certified doula coverage during pregnancy and 12 months postpartum. The bill was most recently amended in the Senate to remove the opposition of the insurance industry.

• Bill passed the Senate by a vote of 55-1. The March of Dimes AGA staff has a meeting with Rep. LaToya Greenwood, the chief House sponsor, next week.

LOUISIANA

• March of Dimes is currently coordinating conversations with MCO partners to explore opportunities for group prenatal care expansion. Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait clinical sites will be targeted next to assess readiness for best fit.

TENNESSEE

• Synergy is building around extended postpartum coverage. MOD and Coalition partners have been working to fight legislation that would criminalize pregnant women who use narcotics. As a part of these efforts, coalition partners have referenced the work in MO as a potential alternative to propose in discussions with legislators. In addition, Tennessee has released its first Maternal Mortality Review report which included extended postpartum coverage as a recommendation to improve maternal mortality and morbidity in the state. A maternity collaborative was formed to determine implementation of these recommendations. As a way to prioritize work on the recommendations, the group voted on the most important issues to tackle first and extended postpartum coverage was one of the first selected.
WHAT IS A DOULA?

PENNY SIMKIN, PT, CD (DONA), CCE
SENIOR FACULTY, SIMKIN CENTER FOR ALLIED BIRTH VOCATIONS, BASTYR UNIVERSITY, AUTHOR, EXPERT, CO-FOUNDER OF DONA INTERNATIONAL
MOD DOULA POSITION STATEMENT OVERVIEW

• March of Dimes supports increased access to doula care as one tool to help improve birth outcomes and reduce the higher rates of maternal morbidity and mortality among women of color in the United States.

• March of Dimes advocates for all payers to provide coverage for doula services.

• March of Dimes recognizes the importance of increased training, support and capacity development for doulas, including doulas from racially, ethnically, socioeconomically and culturally diverse communities.
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SUPPORTING DOULA COVERAGE LEGISLATION AND POLICY EFFORTS IN THE NORTHEAST

Erin E. Jones JD
Regional Director Advocacy and Government Affairs, Northeast Region

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

• Why Doulas?
• Opportunities for increasing integration of doula care in statewide maternity care system
• Current States with legislation pending
• Fully collaborative policy development approach
EVIDENCE: DOULAS & BIRTH OUTCOMES

• 2014 ACOG Obstetric Care Consensus: Safe Prevention of the Primary Cesarean Delivery
• 2017 Cochrane review of 26 trials of continuous labor support and doula care involving over 15,000 women in 17 different countries
• 2017 ACOG Committee Opinion on Approaches to Limit Interventions During Labor and Birth
• Cost-effectiveness analysis and modeling literature
BENEFITS OF DOULA CARE

- Improved health outcomes for moms and babies
  - Increased spontaneous vaginal birth
  - Shorter duration of labor
  - Decreased use of analgesia, instrumental vaginal birth, and low five-minute Apgar score

- Reduced c-sections
  - C-sections contribute to risk of maternal morbidity and mortality

- Fewer reports of patient dissatisfaction with birth experience

- Lower healthcare costs
BENEFITS OF DOULA CARE AMONG MEDICAID RECIPIENTS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

• Improved health outcomes for moms and babies
  • Lower rates of preterm birth and low birth weight

• Reduced c-sections
  • C-sections contribute to risk of maternal morbidity and mortality

• Patient reports of feeling highly valued and having had a voice in consequential childbirth decisions
  • Improved health literacy
  • Improved patient-provider communication
  • Increased social support
DOULA LEGISLATION
Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Movement

Key Areas/Components of Legislation:

- Definition of a Doula
- Pre-Existing Category
- Establish a Registry
- Certification
- Payments
- Establish Rules and Regulations
- Amendments
DOULA TOWN HALLS

- Legislative Process and Advocacy Education/Guidance

- Collaborative Approach – doulas, legislators, advocates, agencies, and health care

- Active Listening, Engaged Conversation

- Repository for Feedback

- Held in MA, CT, RI, (NY)
**DOULA SUPPORT NON-MEDICAL**

- EDUCATION
  - Licensure/Certification
  - Maintain Fidelity to Doula Profession
  - Diversity – both in women served and Doulas
  - Workforce Development - sustainable living wage, cost-effective training and education
  - Reimbursement Rates and Payment Systems
  - Community Health Worker Model (?)

**MEDICAID MEDICAL MODEL**

- EDUCATION
  - Licensure/Certification (CMS Requirement)
  - NOT medical or healthcare providers
  - Diversity within Medicaid population
  - Medicaid Reimbursement Rates and Payment System
  - Community Health Worker
  - Medicaid Value-Based Payment Models
SUMMARY

- Increased equitable access to doula care as one tool to reduce racial disparities in adverse maternal and infant health outcomes
- Opportunities for adequate and sustainable reimbursement by all payers
- Investments in doula profession as workforce development and diversification opportunity
ACOG STATEMENT

DR. ANN E.B. BORDERS, MD, MSc, MPH, ACOG

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Clinical Associate Professor, University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine
REMINDER: WE NEED YOUR POLICY RESOURCES

- Fact sheets/issue briefs
- Testimony/talking points
- Sample legislation
- Peer-reviewed literature and other research/studies
- Other
Registration is **NOW OPEN!**
http://www.cvent.com/d/f6qd6k

Please reach out at the collaborative@marchofdimes.org with questions!
# COLLABORATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE
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If you are interested in attending the full Collaborative or specific workgroup meetings please email us at collaborative@marchofdimes.org to receive the registration link and specific meeting information. This calendar is subject to change.
In the chat box, you will see a link to a brief post-meeting survey that will take you less than 5 minutes to complete. Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you for participating!

The link for the survey is: [http://marchofdimes.org/workgroup](http://marchofdimes.org/workgroup)

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