

HB 214: Doula Credentialing and Access Act

We at the New Mexico Doula Association and our collaborators are currently advocating for HB 214 during the current legislative session.

What You and Legislators Need to Know About this Bill

- ▶ Establishes a voluntary doula credentialing process so that doulas can access Medicaid reimbursement for their services.
- ▶ Establishes the Doula Credentialing Advisory Council to implement and support the development of this program.
 - ▶ Ensures doulas have access to hospitals where 98% of births occur.
- ▶ Establishes the Doula Fund to provide training and workforce development supports to doulas to enter and sustain in the workforce.

What is a Doula For?

Doulas, also known as birth companions, are trained to provide education, physical, emotional, spiritual support and advocacy for individuals and families during pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and loss. Doulas are non-medical professionals who work with your family as a member of your support team.



Doula care improves infant and maternal health outcomes, reducing C-section rates, lowering the risk of postpartum depression, and improving patient satisfaction.



Medicaid reimbursement makes doula care accessible to families who need it most, addressing systemic inequities in maternal health.



Fair pay for birthworkers uplifts the profession and honors the cultural and emotional labor of doulas.

Be Part of the Movement for Improving Access to Doulas

We can't do this without you! You can support this bill by calling, emailing, or telling your personal story to your legislators. Let them know why you support **HB 214**, the **Doula Credentialing and Access Act**. Scan the QR code links below to get started:

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