

WAC 182-533-0640 Birth doula services—Provider requirements.

To be eligible to provide birth doula services to Washington apple health clients, a birth doula must:

- (1) Be 18 years of age or older;
- (2) Be a resident of the state of Washington or a bordering city as specified in WAC 182-501-0175;
- (3) Possess current certification as a birth doula with the Washington state department of health under chapter 246-835 WAC;
- (4) Be enrolled as an eligible birth doula provider with the medicaid agency (see WAC 182-502-0010);
- (5) Meet the requirements in this chapter, chapter 182-502 WAC, and the billing and documentation requirements found in the agency's current birth doula services billing guide;
- (6) Meet the standards required by state and federal laws governing the privacy and security of personally identifying information;
- (7) Participate in care coordination activities throughout pregnancy and the postpartum period with the client's prenatal clinical care provider and, if applicable, their maternity support services (MSS) provider (see WAC 182-533-0310 through 182-533-0345);
- (8) Provide culturally congruent care to the client and client's family; and
- (9) Have lived experience that aligns with and provides a connection between the birth doula and the community being served.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, and 2025 c 424 s 211(35). WSR 25-16-016, s 182-533-0640, filed 7/25/25, effective 8/25/25.]