

COMMUNITY-CENTERED CARE IN ACTION: ADDRESSING BARRIERS AND BUILDING POWER

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULAS REMAINS LIMITED AND DIFFICULT TO ACCESS, CREATING BARRIERS THAT PREVENT MANY FAMILIES FROM RECEIVING THE CARE THEY DESERVE.



Doulas unpaid while navigating Medicaid enrollment



Plan switching, interfering with doula care



Systemic barriers, like needing to bill "under" a physician



Billing and payment delays



Burden of paperwork



Lack of mentorship and training

WINS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



Lactation Support in Prison Setting:

The first lactation consult at Huron Valley Women's Prison was a success - a lactating parent increased their output from ½ ounce to 9 bags of milk, which were delivered to their infant.



Doula Leadership and Celebration:

A local Grand Rapids doula is leading a [BIPOC Baby Bump Runway Event](#) on May 30. This joyful event celebrates motherhood and seeks volunteers and models.



August Panel Discussion/Webinar:

MIBFN is looking for panelists for a generational, community-rooted conversation on the realities of doula work and care that will air during August Breastfeeding Month.



MIBFN Physician Continuing Education Consultant:

MIBFN is [hiring a Physician Continuing Education Consultant](#) to support educational efforts.



Credentialing Workshop Series:

[Motor City Doula Association](#) has a credentialing workshop series. Registration is currently closed, but there may be future opportunities.



Maternal Health Panel:

A local panel on Maternal Health took place in Grand Rapids on May 17 from 10am-12pm.



Oakland County Breastfeeding Coalition Survey:

The Oakland County Breastfeeding Coalition put together a [Community Survey](#) to gather input.



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