



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2024

TO: Louisiana Medicaid Providers

FROM: Louisiana Medicaid

SUBJECT: LDH to Host Meetings for CMS Maternal Health Funding Opportunity

The Louisiana Department of Health is seeking provider and other stakeholder engagement, feedback and partnership regarding the state's upcoming Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) funding opportunity proposal that focuses on **improving maternal health** through a 10-year service delivery and payment model.

CMS recently announced the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for its Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model. Through TMaH, CMS intends to issue cooperative endeavor agreements to up to 15 state Medicaid agencies. Those selected agencies will be eligible to receive up to \$17 million over the course of a 10-year model implementation. The submission deadline is September 20, 2024, with an anticipated announcement of awardees in mid-December. The grant will focus on three areas:

1. Access, Infrastructure, and Workforce
2. Quality Improvement and Safety
3. Whole Person Care Delivery

The partnership between LDH and providers and other stakeholders is essential to the successful implementation of the strategies to address these areas. Providers and stakeholders with a vested interest in improving maternal health outcomes in Louisiana are encouraged to attend one of LDH's stakeholder meetings to learn more about TMaH and the additional services associated with the funding portion of the model.

Meetings for Stakeholder Partners

LDH will host a series of meetings to provide information about the TMaH model and gather feedback from potential partners. The dates for the first two meetings include:

- **September 5, 2024– advocates and community partners.**
 - **Time:** 12 – 1 PM
 - **Zoom link:** <https://zoom.us/j/96585472149>
 - **Meeting ID:** 965 8547 2149
 - **Who should attend:** managed care entities, state public health departments, universities, community-based organizations (CBOs) and other non-clinical partners.
- **September 9, 2024 – providers and care delivery locations.**
 - **Time:** 12 – 1 PM
 - **Zoom link:** <https://zoom.us/j/93252336846>
 - **Meeting ID:** 932 5233 6846
 - **Who should attend:** obstetrician-gynecologists (OB/GYNs), midwives, physicians, fetal medicine specialists, nurses, clinical and support staff, doulas, lactation consultants, perinatal community health workers (CHWs), hospitals, OB/GYN practices, safety net providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, rural health clinics, Tribal sites, birth centers and other sites of care.

During the meetings, LDH will provide an outline of the TMaH model, its requirements, and any identified coverage gaps and proposed solutions for those gaps. Attendees will have the opportunity to share feedback on the current, draft proposal and offer suggestions for other activities they consider essential to include.

Feedback and Resources

LDH has created a TMaH web page, located at <https://ldh.la.gov/TMaH>, where all details around the application development and submission will be housed. The site also houses the online feedback form, where providers and other partners can share information, concerns and ask questions. Feedback can also be submitted by email at OWHCH@la.gov.