The Institute for Medicaid Innovation, in partnership with the Center for Health Care Strategies, developed a virtual learning series that provided a roadmap to explore implementation of midwifery-led models of care in Medicaid. The eight-part series focused on CNM/CMs who practice in hospitals, alongside and freestanding birth centers.

Session 1: Learning Objectives

1. Identify the elements of midwifery-led care and practice settings as well as associated clinical outcomes.
2. Identify the health care structures, economics, and evidence that influence the uptake of midwifery-led care in the U.S.
3. Identify the interconnectedness between systemic racism, COVID-19, and birth equity.

Session 1: Agenda

Introduction to High-Value, Evidence-Based Maternal Models of Care
Jennifer E. Moore, PhD, RN, FAAN, Institute for Medicaid Innovation

Evidence in Support of Midwifery-Led Care
Eugene Declercq, PhD, LCCE, Boston University

Birth Equity within the Context of COVID-19 & Structural Racism
Joia Crear-Perry, MD, FACOG, National Birth Equity Collaborative

Session 1: Pre-Session Activities (67 Minutes)
Before watching the archived session recording, we recommend completing the following activities. The activities are intended to create a shared foundation of knowledge upon which each session will build.

READ: (15 Minutes) Improving Maternal Health Access, Coverage, and Outcomes in Medicaid, pages 1-24 and 75.
WATCH: (6 Minutes) The Culture War between Doctors and Midwives, Explained
READ: (10 Minutes) Medicaid 101
READ/WATCH: (10 Minutes) Medicare v. Medicaid: What’s the Difference?
EXPLORE: (10 Minutes) Birth by the Numbers
WATCH: (11 Minutes) Memphis Midwives Work to Address Racial Disparities in Care
EXPLORE: (5 Minutes) National Birth Equity Collaborative

Session 1: Supplemental Resources (60 Minutes)

WATCH: (20 Minutes) Birth by the Numbers: The Update
WATCH: (10 Minutes) The U.S. Medical System is Still Haunted by Slavery
READ: (10 Minutes) Broadening The Focus During Pregnancy To Total Women’s Health, Not Just Healthy Babies
READ: (20 Minutes) Beyond Medicalization: Midwives & Maternity Care in America

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