



Policy/Procedure Title	Doula Access			Policy #	
Manual Location(s)	Union County General Hospital	Effective	3/26/26	Manual Location (s)	UCGH
Department Generating Policy	Administration				
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POLICY: Doula Access Policy – Union County General Hospital

PROCEDURE: Under New Mexico Statute §24-36-7 (Doula Credentialing and Access Act): UCGH does not have a Labor and Delivery unit or department

Purpose

To support patient-centered maternity care by allowing access to doulas in accordance with New Mexico law.

Policy Statement

Patients receiving pregnancy, labor, delivery, or postpartum services may designate a doula of their choice to accompany them.

Scope of Practice

Doulas provide non-clinical emotional, physical, and informational support.

Doulas may not perform medical care or interfere with clinical decision-making.

Access

- Doulas are permitted in labor, delivery, and postpartum areas
- Access to operating rooms or restricted areas may be limited based on clinical needs
- In emergencies, staff may restrict access for safety

Requirements

Doulas must:

- Check in per hospital procedure
- Wear identification while onsite
- Follow infection prevention and safety protocols

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Conduct

Doulas must:

- Collaborate respectfully with staff
- Not disrupt care or operations

Failure to comply may result in removal.

Patient Rights

Patients have the right to choose a doula in accordance with state law.

Liability

Doulas are not hospital employees. The hospital is not responsible for services provided.

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