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Medicaid Doula Services
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla
House Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes the Medicaid program to cover doula services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the Department of Health and Human Services (department) to apply for a Medicaid state plan amendment authorizing coverage of doula services;
- requires the department to develop the state plan amendment in consultation with certain stakeholders; and
- requires the department to establish training and registration requirements for doulas providing services to Medicaid program enrollees.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-3-229, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26B-3-229** is enacted to read:

26B-3-229 . Doula services.

(1) As used in this section, "doula services" means non-medical advice, information, emotional support, and physical comfort provided to an individual during the

- 28 individual's pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum period.
- 29 (2)(a) Before October 1, 2025, the department shall apply for a Medicaid state plan
- 30 amendment to cover doula services.
- 31 (b) The department shall develop the state plan amendment in consultation with
- 32 individuals representing patients, doulas, physicians, nurses, and health care facilities
- 33 in the state.
- 34 (3) If the state plan amendment is approved, the Medicaid program shall provide coverage
- 35 of doula services.
- 36 (4) The department shall establish through rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter
- 37 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, training and registration requirements for a
- 38 doula providing doula services to an enrollee.
- 39 **Section 2. Effective date.**
- 40 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.