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Maternal Coverage Amendments

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Studies show that Mothers with birth workers have lower rates of maternal and infant health complications such as pre-term birth, medical intervention birth, cesarean sections, and postpartum depression & anxiety.

Rich, Morgan, Daggett, Emery, Wayne, Piute and Kane Counties are considered maternal healthcare deserts, with no hospitals providing obstetric care. Extending coverage would allow Mothers in these counties to have a medical option.

\$ Prenatal, birth & postpartum care, and infant care in a birthing center: approx \$5,000

\$ Hospital birth with OB/GYN (no epidural or intervention): \$18,090



Expand PEHP coverage for low-risk pregnancies to include:
Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives
Free-standing Birth Centers
Certified Doulas