Medicaid Coverage of Virtual Lactation Visits

Social Services

Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This request seeks to expand Medicaid coverage to include reimbursement for virtual lactation consultation services provided by licensed lactation consultants. Currently, Medicaid directs providers to use codes that are either not designed for virtual lactation services or do not provide adequate reimbursement for licensed professionals, limiting access to care. The requested funding would support use of an appropriate billing code for virtual lactation visits, improving access for postpartum patients, particularly in rural and underserved areas. This change aligns with maternal and infant health priorities and supports early intervention and preventive care.

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Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$150,000.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$0.00**	**$150,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time) $0.00

2027 (One-time) $0.00

2027 (Ongoing) $150,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$0.00**	**$150,000.00**

Is this a multi-year project?

No

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

The project is scalable because any level of reimbursement improves access to lactation support compared to current limitations. Partial funding could prioritize virtual visits for high-risk or rural populations, or limit the number of reimbursable visits per enrollee.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Government Not For Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Medicaid-enrolled postpartum women and infants, particularly those in rural or underserved areas. Licensed lactation consultants would also benefit from appropriate reimbursement for telehealth services.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The project supports maternal and infant health by promoting breastfeeding success, early intervention, and continuity of care. It also aligns Medicaid coverage with modern telehealth practices.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

The project will be successful if Medicaid beneficiaries are able to access reimbursed virtual lactation consultation services. Performance can be measured by tracking the number of reimbursed virtual visits, provider participation, and geographic distribution of services.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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