

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:

28 **63I-2-249**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 64

29 ENACTS:

30 **49-20-422**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

33 Section 1. Section **49-20-422** is enacted to read:

34 **49-20-422. Coverage of pregnancy and childbirth services.**

35 (1) As used in this section:

36 (a) "Doula" means an individual who:

37 (i) provides information and physical and emotional support:

38 (A) to a pregnant or postpartum individual; and

39 (B) related to the pregnant or postpartum individual's pregnancy; and

40 (ii) is certified by one or more organizations approved by the program.

41 (b) "Pregnancy and childbirth services" means services provided to a pregnant

42 individual before, during, or shortly after childbirth:

43 (i) by a doula for the services described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii); ~~H→~~ and ~~←H~~

44 ~~H→ [(ii) by a direct-entry midwife licensed under Title 58, Chapter 77, Direct-Entry~~

45 ~~Midwife Act, if the direct-entry midwife is engaged in the practice of direct-entry midwifery, as~~

46 ~~defined in Section 58-77-102; or~~

47 ~~——(iii)] (ii) ←H~~ at a birthing center that:

48 (A) is licensed under Title 26, Chapter 21, Health Care Facility Licensing and

49 Inspection Act ~~H→~~ [;or] , or accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth

49a Centers; and ~~←H~~

50 ~~H→ [(B) is accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers.] (B) may~~

50a ~~include services by a direct-entry midwife licensed under Title 58, Chapter 77, Direct-Entry~~

50b ~~Midwife Act, if the direct-entry midwife is engaged in the practice of direct-entry midwifery,~~

50c ~~as defined in Section 58-77-102. ←H~~

51 (c) "Qualified individual" means a covered individual who is:

52 (i) within the state employees' risk pool; and

53 (ii) (A) is pregnant; or

54 (B) was pregnant within the past six months.

55 (2) For a plan year that begins on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2026, the

56 program shall cover pregnancy and childbirth services to a qualified individual.

57 (3) The program may establish limits for coverage under Subsection (2), including  
58 limits based on:

59 (a) the type or number of services provided; ~~H→~~ [and] ~~←H~~

60 (b) a qualified individual's physical or emotional condition ~~H→~~ [; and]

60a (c) conditions for provider participation. ~~←H~~

61 (4) The program shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on  
62 or before October 1 of each year regarding coverage provided under Subsection (2), including:

63 (a) covered providers;

64 (b) covered services;

65 (c) provider payment rates;

66 (d) covered-individual cost sharing;

67 (e) total provider payments and covered-individual cost sharing; and

68 (f) any indicators of whether pregnancy and childbirth services covered under

69 Subsection (2) have:

70 (i) reduced pregnancy or postpartum coverage costs; or

71 (ii) improved pregnancy or postpartum care.

72 Section 2. Section **63I-2-249** is amended to read:

73 **63I-2-249. Repeal dates: Title 49.**

74 (1) Subsection 49-20-420(3), regarding a requirement to report to the Legislature, is  
75 repealed January 1, 2030.

76 (2) Section 49-20-422, regarding coverage for pregnancy and childbirth services, is  
77 repealed July 1, 2027.