

DOULA SERVICES COVERAGE AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to cover doula services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires coverage of doula services by the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program;
- ▶ requires the program to report on its coverage of doula services to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee; and
- ▶ provides a repeal date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

ENACTS:

49-20-422, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

49-20-422. Coverage of doula services.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Doula" means an individual who:

(i) provides information and physical and emotional support:

(A) to a pregnant or postpartum individual; and

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

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

(b) "Qualified individual" means a covered individual who is:

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

(ii) (A) is pregnant; or

(B) was pregnant within the past six months.

(2) For a plan year that begins on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2026, the program shall cover services provided by a doula to a qualified individual.

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

(a) the type or number of services provided; and

(b) a qualified individual's physical or emotional condition.

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

(a) covered providers;

(b) covered services;

(c) provider payment rates;

(d) covered-individual cost sharing;

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

(f) any indicators of whether doula services have:

(i) reduced pregnancy or postpartum coverage costs; or

(ii) improved pregnancy or postpartum care.

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

59 **63I-2-249. Repeal dates: Title 49.**

60 (1) Subsection [49-20-420](#)(3), regarding a requirement to report to the Legislature, is
61 repealed January 1, 2030.

62 (2) Section [49-20-422](#), regarding coverage for doula services, is repealed July 1, 2027.