

MEDICAID DOULA SERVICES

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes the Medicaid program to apply for a state plan amendment to cover doula services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit, in consultation with certain stakeholders, a state plan amendment to cover doula services; and
- ▶ if approved, requires the Medicaid program to cover doula services.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-29, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-18-29** is enacted to read:

26-18-29. 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 individual's pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum period. ←§

§→ [(1)] (2) ←§ (a) Before October 1, 2023, the department shall apply for a Medicaid state plan



28 amendment to cover doula services ~~§~~→ [~~, including prenatal and postpartum care~~] ←~~§~~ .

29 (b) The department shall develop the state plan amendment described in Subsection

30 ~~§~~→ [(~~1~~)] (2) ←~~§~~ (a) in consultation with individuals representing patients, doulas, physicians,

30a nurses, and

31 health care facilities in the state.

32 ~~§~~→ [(~~2~~)] (3) ←~~§~~ If the state plan amendment described in Subsection ~~§~~→ [(~~1~~)] (2)(a) ←~~§~~ is

32a approved, the Medicaid

33 program shall provide coverage of doula services.

33a ~~§~~→ (4) The department shall define doula training and registration requirements by rule made

33b in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. ←~~§~~