

1 **MEDICAID DOULA SERVICES**

2 2023 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

5 House Sponsor: Rosemary T. Lesser

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

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

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

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

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

22 **26-18-29**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

26 **26-18-29. Doula services.**

27 **Ŝ → (1) As used in this section, "doula services" means non-medical advice,**  
27a **information, emotional support, and physical comfort provided to an individual during the**  
27b **individual's pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum period. ←Ŝ**

27c **Ŝ → [(±)] (2) ←Ŝ (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.** ← ~~§~~