

**MEDICAID DOULA SERVICES**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor: Rosemary T. Lesser

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**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

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*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) (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)(a) in consultation with individuals representing patients, doulas, physicians, nurses, and  
31 health care facilities in the state.

32 (2) If the state plan amendment described in Subsection (1) is approved, the Medicaid  
33 program shall provide coverage of doula services.