

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 142 # 2

DIGEST

Coverage of doula services. Requires a health plan (an accident and sickness insurance policy or a health maintenance organization contract) to provide coverage for doula services provided in Delaware, White, and Montgomery counties if: (1) the services provided are within the doula's area of professional competence; and (2) the health plan would provide coverage for those services if the services were provided by any other health care provider.

- 1 Page 3, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 3. IC 27-8-14.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2024]:
5 **Chapter 14.4. Coverage for Doula Services in Certain Counties**
6 **Sec. 0.5. This chapter applies to doula services provided in the**
7 **following counties:**
8 **(1) Delaware.**
9 **(2) White.**
10 **(3) Montgomery.**
11 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "doula" means an individual**
12 **who:**
13 **(1) is trained and certified by a nationally recognized**
14 **institution in providing emotional and physical support, but**
15 **not medical or midwife care, to pregnant individuals before,**
16 **during, and after childbirth; and**
17 **(2) may also provide assistance by referring childbearing**
18 **individuals to community-based organizations and certified**
19 **and licensed perinatal professionals in other disciplines.**
20 **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "health plan" means either of**
21 **the following:**
22 **(1) A policy of accident and sickness insurance (as defined in**
23 **IC 27-8-5-1(a)), excluding the types of insurance and plans set**
24 **forth in IC 27-8-5-2.5(a), that is issued, entered into, or**
25 **renewed after June 30, 2024.**

1 **(2) A contract with a health maintenance organization (as**
2 **defined in IC 27-13-1-19) that provides coverage for basic**
3 **health care services (as defined in IC 27-13-1-4) and that is**
4 **entered into or renewed after June 30, 2024.**

5 **(b) The term includes a person that administers:**

6 **(1) a policy described in subsection (a)(1); or**

7 **(2) a contract described in subsection (a)(2).**

8 **Sec. 3. (a) A health plan shall provide coverage for services**
9 **provided by a doula in the counties set forth in section 0.5 of this**
10 **chapter in accordance with the health plan's principles and**
11 **mechanisms of reimbursement, credentialing, and contracting if:**

12 **(1) the services are within the doula's area of professional**
13 **competence; and**

14 **(2) the health plan would provide coverage for those services**
15 **if the services were provided by any other health care**
16 **provider.**

17 **(b) A health plan may not require supervision, a signature, or a**
18 **referral by any other health care provider as a condition of**
19 **reimbursement for doula services, except when those requirements**
20 **are also applicable to other categories of health care providers.**

21 **(c) This section does not require a health plan to pay for**
22 **duplicate services actually rendered by both a doula and any other**
23 **health care provider.**

24 **(d) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require**
25 **the reporting to the department of utilization and cost information**
26 **related to doula services covered under this section.**

27 **(e) Beginning July 1, 2025, every year on or before July 1, a**
28 **health plan required to cover doula services under this section shall**
29 **report to the department utilization and cost information related**
30 **to the doula services covered by the health plan."**

31 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 142 as introduced.)