



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0137 - Reimbursement of doula services under
Medicaid

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Coverage of doula services under Medical Assistance

This bill requires DHS to request any necessary waiver or amendment to the state Medical Assistance plan to allow Medical Assistance reimbursement for doula services and, if any necessary waiver or amendment is approved, directs DHS to reimburse certified doulas for doula services provided to Medical Assistance recipients. Doula services consist of childbirth education and support services, including emotional and physical support provided during pregnancy, labor, birth, and the postpartum period.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.45 (30t) of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (30t) DOULA SERVICES. (a) In this subsection:

1. "Certified doula" means an individual who has received certification from a doula certifying organization recognized by the department.

2. "Doula services" means childbirth education and support services, including emotional and physical support provided during pregnancy, labor, birth, and the postpartum period.

(b) The department shall request from the secretary of the federal department of health and human services any required waiver or any required amendment to the state plan for Medical Assistance to allow reimbursement for doula services provided by a certified doula. If the waiver or state plan amendment is granted, the department shall reimburse a certified doula under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 12p. for the allowable charges for doula services provided to Medical Assistance recipients.

SECTION 2. 49.46 (2) (b) 12p. of the statutes is created to read:

49.46 (2) (b) 12p. Doula services provided by a certified doula, as specified under s. 49.45 (30t).

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