

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1608

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE MAYES

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out "reimbursement"
2 and inserting
3 coverage

4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 18; pages 2 through 4,
5 lines 1 through 30; page 5, lines 1 through 7; by striking out
6 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

7 Section 443.15. Medical Assistance Coverage for Doula
8 Services.--(a) Subject to Federal approval, doula services are
9 compensable under the medical assistance program for eligible
10 and enrolled medical assistance recipients during pregnancy,
11 labor and delivery and up to one year postpartum.

12 (b) The department shall establish a Doula Advisory Board to
13 advise the secretary regarding the following:

14 (1) Doula best practices.

15 (2) Doula participation in the medical assistance program.

16 (3) Racial and geographic disparities in the provision of
17 maternal health services.

18 (4) Equity and inclusion best practices.

19 (c) The Doula Advisory Board shall include the following:

20 (1) The secretary.

21 (2) A representative from the Department of State.

22 (3) A representative from the Office of Medical Assistance
23 Programs within the department.

24 (4) A representative from the Bureau of Family Health within
25 the Department of Health.

26 (5) A representative from the Office of Health Equity within
27 the Department of Health.

28 (6) A representative from a nationally recognized doula
29 organization.

30 (7) A doula practicing in this Commonwealth.

31 (8) A member of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee
32 established under the act of May 9, 2018 (P.L.118, No.24), known
33 as the Maternal Mortality Review Act.

34 (9) A member of a commission that supports doula practice in
35 Pennsylvania.

1 (10) As deemed appropriate by the department, any other
2 residents of this Commonwealth who represent the diverse
3 demographics of Pennsylvania.

4 (d) The department shall seek a State plan amendment or
5 Federal waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
6 Services, if needed, for provision of doula services under the
7 medical assistance program.

8 (e) As used in this section, the term "doula" shall mean a
9 professional trained to provide physical, emotional and
10 informational support to a pregnant individual before, during
11 and after childbirth.

12 Section 2. If a necessary State plan amendment or Federal
13 waiver under section 443.15 of the act is approved by the
14 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Secretary of
15 Human Services shall transmit notice of the approval to the
16 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
17 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

19 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), the addition
20 of section 443.15 of the act shall take effect 30 days
21 following publication of the notice under section 2 of this
22 act.

23 (2) The addition of section 443.15(b) and (c) of the act
24 shall take effect immediately.

25 (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect
26 immediately.