

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for doula services.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "doula" means a trained professional who provides*  
6 *physical, emotional, and educational support, but not medical care, to mothers*  
7 *before, during, and after childbirth.*

8 *(2) The Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with*  
9 *whom the department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services shall provide*  
10 *coverage for doula services if the doula has:*

11 *(a) Applied for and received a National Provider Identification Number from*  
12 *the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and*

13 *(b) Completed enrollment as a Medicaid provider, as required by the*  
14 *Department for Medicaid Services.*

15 *(3) In order to be eligible to enroll as a Medicaid provider, the Department for shall*  
16 *require a doula to provide at least the following:*

17 *(a) Evidence of having completed the following:*

18 *1. A doula training course offered by the International Childbirth*  
19 *Education Association, Doulas of North America, the Association of*  
20 *Labor Assistants and Childbirth Educators, Birthworks, the*  
21 *Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association, Childbirth*  
22 *International, the International Center for Traditional Childbearing,*  
23 *Commonsense Childbirth; or any other training course approved by*  
24 *the Department for Medicaid Services; and*

25 *2. At least twenty-four (24) contact hours of in-person education that*  
26 *included any combination of childbirth education, birth doula*  
27 *training, antepartum doula training, and postpartum doula training;*

- 1            3. At least one (1) breastfeeding class;  
2            4. At least two (2) childbirth classes;  
3            5. A cultural competency training course; and  
4            6. A training course on client confidentiality and privacy;  
5            (b) Proof of cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for infants, children,  
6            and adults; and  
7            (c) At least one (1) positive reference from a licensed healthcare provider or a  
8            licensed certified professional midwife as defined in KRS 314.400.  
9            (4) The Department for Medicaid Services may promulgate administrative  
10           regulations necessary to carry out this section.