

county is responsible for all medical expenditures in excess of the per diem. This per diem paid to jails by DOC to house felony offenders may not be the actual housing cost for the jail. Kentucky jails report their actual cost to incarcerate is closer to an average of \$45 per day.

Jails may only reimburse an outside provider for medical services up to the amount Kentucky Medicaid would reimburse for the same service. There is an exception if an inmate is hospitalized for at least 24 hours. In that case Medicaid will pay the hospitalization expenses. If Medicaid would not reimburse for a service, then a county jail would not either. Kentucky Medicaid administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services does not appear to cover doula services. While Medicaid offered by Humana in Kentucky does cover doula services under its 2021 Extra Programs and Services for Medicaid, which include pre- and post-partum doula assistance and one visit for delivery, it appears Humana Medicaid would not cover any of these services for an incarcerated pregnant woman.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II applies to HB 38 as introduced. There is no prior version of the bill.

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