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Act No. 97 (S.109). An act relating to Medicaid coverage for doula services

Subjects: Medicaid; health; pregnancy; birth; doulas

This act directs the Office of Professional Regulation to undertake a review of doulas in order to determine the appropriate form of regulation for the profession, with a report due to the committees of jurisdiction on or before January 8, 2025. The act also requires the Department of Vermont Health Access to develop a proposed methodology and determine the estimated costs if Vermont Medicaid were to reimburse doulas for providing childbirth education and support services to Medicaid beneficiaries during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum period. The act directs the Department to report on its proposed reimbursement methodology and the estimated costs and to recommend whether doula services should be covered by Vermont Medicaid as part of the Department's fiscal year 2026 budget proposal.

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