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2 An act relating to certification of community-based perinatal doulas and
3 Medicaid coverage for doula services

4 The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

5 First: By striking out Sec. 7, state plan amendment, in its entirety and
6 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 7 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

8 Not later than July 1, 2026, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall
9 seek a state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
10 Services to allow Vermont's Medicaid program to provide coverage for doula
11 services in accordance with 33 V.S.A. § 1901n, as added by this act.

12 Second: In Sec. 8, effective dates, by striking out subsection (b) in its
13 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 (b) Sec. 5 (33 V.S.A. § 1901n; Medicaid coverage for doula services) shall
15 take effect on the later of July 1, 2026 or approval of the state plan amendment
16 requested pursuant to Sec. 7 of this act.