

HOUSE BILL No. 1350

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-8-25; IC 16-21-2-15.6; IC 27-8-38; IC 27-13-7-28.

Synopsis: Coverage for doula services. Requires a state employee health plan, a policy of accident and sickness insurance, and a health maintenance organization contract to provide coverage for services provided by a doula to an insured before, during, and after childbirth. Requires a hospital to allow a doula to accompany a patient at the hospital, including attending a live birth, at the request of the patient.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-8-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 25. (a) As used in this section, "covered individual"**
4 **means an individual who is entitled to coverage under a state**
5 **employee health plan.**
6 **(b) As used in this section, "doula" means an individual who is**
7 **trained and certified by a nationally recognized institution in**
8 **providing emotional and physical support, but not medical or**
9 **midwife care, to pregnant and birthing persons before, during, and**
10 **after childbirth.**
11 **(c) As used in this section, "state employee health plan" means**
12 **the following:**
13 **(1) A self-insurance program established under section 7(b) of**
14 **this chapter.**
15 **(2) A contract for prepaid health services entered into under**
16 **section 7(c) of this chapter.**
17 **(d) A state employee health plan must provide coverage for**



1 **services provided by a doula to a covered individual before, during,**
 2 **and after childbirth.**

3 SECTION 2. IC 16-21-2-15.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 15.6. If requested by a patient,**
 6 **the hospital must allow a doula (as defined in IC 27-8-38-1)**
 7 **providing services to the patient to accompany the patient at the**
 8 **hospital, including allowing the doula to attend a live birth. This**
 9 **section does not prohibit a hospital from requiring a doula to**
 10 **provide identification or evidence of certification before**
 11 **accompanying a patient.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 27-8-38 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 13 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 14 1, 2021]:

15 **Chapter 38. Coverage for Doula Services**

16 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "doula" means an individual who**
 17 **is trained and certified by a nationally recognized institution in**
 18 **providing emotional and physical support, but not medical or**
 19 **midwife care, to pregnant and birthing persons before, during, and**
 20 **after childbirth.**

21 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "insured" means an individual**
 22 **entitled to coverage under a policy of accident and sickness**
 23 **insurance.**

24 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "policy of accident and sickness**
 25 **insurance" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-5-1, offered on an**
 26 **individual or group basis.**

27 **Sec. 4. A policy of accident and sickness insurance must provide**
 28 **coverage for services provided by a doula to an insured before,**
 29 **during, and after childbirth.**

30 SECTION 4. IC 27-13-7-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 31 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 32 1, 2021]: **Sec. 28. (a) As used in this section, "doula" means an**
 33 **individual who is trained and certified by a nationally recognized**
 34 **institution in providing emotional and physical support, but not**
 35 **medical or midwife care, to pregnant and birthing persons before,**
 36 **during, and after childbirth.**

37 **(b) An individual contract and a group contract must provide**
 38 **coverage for services provided by a doula to an enrollee before,**
 39 **during, and after childbirth.**

40 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021] **(a) IC 5-10-8-25, as**
 41 **added by this act, applies to a state employee health plan that is**
 42 **established, entered into, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2021.**



1 **(b) IC 27-8-38, as added by this act, applies to a policy of**
2 **accident and sickness insurance that is issued, delivered, amended,**
3 **or renewed after June 30, 2021.**

4 **(c) IC 27-13-7-28, as added by this act, applies to an individual**
5 **contract or a group contract that is entered into, delivered,**
6 **amended, or renewed after June 30, 2021.**

7 **(d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2024.**

