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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 454** HLS 25RS 329

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Doula Services		

MEDICAID OR INCREASE GF EX See Note
Requires Medicaid coverage for certain doula services

Proposed law requires all Medicaid coverage plans to include coverage for doula services provided by a doula before, during, and after childbirth. Coverage, scope of service, and rates shall be determined by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) using market benchmarks and comparisons to similar states.

Proposed law provides that doulas opting in for reimbursement from Medicaid shall have approved registration with the Louisiana Doula Registry Board, and have acceptance as a provider from all MCOs.

Proposed law requires Medicaid to cover inpatient, and, if deemed appropriate, outpatient coverage.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase expenditures by an indeterminable amount for LDH to cover doula services for eligible pregnant and postpartum women enrolled in the Medicaid program.

LDH estimates the cost of transitioning doula services from In Lieu of Service (ILOS) to a covered service would be less than \$1 M in the Healthy Louisiana Managed Care program in FY 26 based on a review of doula utilization as a current ILOS, and other states that cover doula services through their state plan.

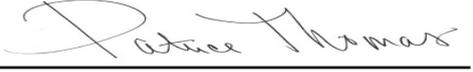
Note: The LFO cannot verify the estimated cost of statewide Medicaid coverage for doula services annually. The projection was provided by the department's actuary, but no supporting assumptions or calculations have been provided to the LFO.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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