
DIGEST

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Willard

Abstract: Requires health insurance coverage for healthcare services provided by midwives and prohibits discrimination in reimbursement amounts.

Proposed law requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state that provides benefits for maternity services to include coverage for healthcare services provided by a midwife, subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions as are consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.

Proposed law provides that the insured or other person entitled to benefits under the health coverage plan is entitled to reimbursements for services within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed midwife as defined in law, whether the services are performed by a physician or a midwife.

Proposed law prohibits discrimination in the amount of reimbursement allowed for midwifery services, whether performed by a midwife or physician, in instances where the services performed are within the lawful scope of practice of both professions.

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan" and "midwife".

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

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