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Proposed law provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall implement a Medicaid reimbursement rate for midwife services that is, at a minimum, 90% of the amount reimbursed to licensed physicians for the provision of the same health services in pregnancy and childbirth.

Proposed law defines "midwife".

Proposed law requires the midwife to be enrolled as a Medicaid provider and be a managed care organization network provider in the Medicaid program in order to be reimbursed in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Proposed law shall not be construed to do any of the following:

- (1) Require a decrease in any reimbursement rate for midwife services that are reimbursed equal to the amount reimbursed to licensed physicians.
- (2) Expand, diminish, or alter the scope of practice of a midwife.
- (3) Require Medicaid to cover any specific healthcare service.

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