

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law defines applicable terms.

New law requires Medicaid coverage for maternity services provided by doulas before, during, and after childbirth.

New law outlines doula services to be covered by Medicaid. New law further provides that minimally, coverage must include five prenatal visits up to 90 minutes in length, three postpartum visits up to 90 minutes in length, and assistance during labor and birth.

New law requires Medicaid to cover inpatient and outpatient doula treatment or care.

New law provides for qualifications of a doula receiving Medicaid reimbursement in accordance with new law.

New law provides that terminology in any Medicaid managed care plan or contract that is deemed discriminatory against doulas and doula services is void and unenforceable.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health to submit all necessary state plan amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, promulgate and adopt all necessary rules, and take any other necessary actions.

New law provides for application of new law.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 46:977.41-977.43)