

**HB 415, DOULA SERVICES COVERAGE AMENDMENTS,**  
 (Matthews, A)

**Anticipated Fiscal Impact:**

\$100,751 per year for three years (\$0.14 PMPM)

**Summary**

HB 415 adds Doula services as a covered benefit for the State Health Insurance Plan. The bill requires services be available for the next three plan years with a corresponding report of cost savings associated with use of Doula services. We anticipate the cost to credential Doulas and cost of benefits averaged over three years is \$100,751 per year.

**Assumptions and Analysis**

1. On average, 1,690 members are eligible for Doula services each year. If passed, covered services and rates will include:

Service	Number Covered	Allowed per Visit
Prenatal Visits	4	\$91.44
Labor Support	1	\$457.20
Post-partum Visits	2	\$91.44

Our understanding is that Doulas are used for about 6% of births when insurance is not available. We expect this number to grow over the next two years to 9% in year two, and 12% in year three with the availability of insurance. We believe the proposed rates to be sufficient and the available of Doulas in Utah to be sufficient to support this level of service.

The costs to cover Doula services for eligible members of the State Risk Pool include:

	Number Using	Cost
Year 1	102	\$65,661.24
Year 2	152	\$97,848.12
Year 3	203	\$130,678.70
Total	457	\$294,188.08

2. Doulas are not currently covered or contracted. Adding these services and creating a network of providers will require additional expense including 120 hours to credential and contract qualified Doulas at a cost of \$8,065.