

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 3, 2025

### **An Act to Improve Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes Through Doula Care**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and  
Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington,  
Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SHAGOURY of  
Hallowell.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-PPP** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-PPP. Reimbursement for doula services**

4 **1. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "doula services" means the provision of  
5 services by a nonclinical professional related to the physical, emotional and informational  
6 support of pregnant persons before, during and after childbirth, including, but not limited  
7 to, guidance and support around pregnancy health, childbirth, breastfeeding and newborn  
8 care.

9 **2. Reimbursement.** Beginning January 1, 2026, the department shall provide  
10 reimbursement under the MaineCare program for doula services, including, but not limited  
11 to, a maximum of 4 prenatal and 4 postnatal visits with a nonclinical professional providing  
12 doula services.

13 **3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules  
14 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter  
15 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires reimbursement under the MaineCare program for doula services.