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H.P. 122

House of Representatives, January 17, 2023

### An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, Senators: BAILEY  
of York, CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

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

3 **§3174-KKK. 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 women before, during and after childbirth, including, but not limited to,  
7 guidance and support around pregnancy health, childbirth, breastfeeding and newborn care.

8 **2. Reimbursement.** The department shall provide reimbursement under the  
9 MaineCare program for doula services.

10 **3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules  
11 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter  
12 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

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