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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-18.5 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-18.5 new)

7 Sec. 5-18.5. Doula and evidence-based home visiting
8 services.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Cultural sensitivity" means a cultural sensitivity,
11 cultural competence, implicit bias, cultural respect, or
12 cultural humility course in the context of doula or pregnancy
13 care.

14 "Home visiting" means a voluntary, evidence-based strategy
15 used to support pregnant people, infants, and young children
16 and their caregivers to promote infant, child, and maternal

1 health, to foster educational development and school
2 readiness, and to help prevent child abuse and neglect. Home
3 visitors are trained professionals whose visits and activities
4 focus on promoting strong parent-child attachment to foster
5 healthy child development.

6 "Perinatal doula training" means any doula training that
7 focuses on providing support throughout the prenatal, labor and
8 delivery, or postpartum period, and reflects the type of doula
9 care that the doula seeks to provide.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
11 doula services and evidence-based home visiting services shall
12 be covered under the medical assistance program for persons who
13 are otherwise eligible for medical assistance under this
14 Article. As used in this Section, "perinatal doula" means a
15 trained provider who provides regular, voluntary physical,
16 emotional, and educational support, but not medical or midwife
17 care, to pregnant and birthing persons before, during, and
18 after childbirth, otherwise known as the perinatal period.

19 Perinatal doula services include regular visits beginning
20 in the prenatal period and continuing into the postnatal
21 period, inclusive of continuous support during labor and
22 delivery, that support healthy pregnancies and positive birth
23 outcomes. Perinatal doula services may be embedded in an
24 existing program, such as evidence-based home visiting. Doula
25 services provided during the prenatal period may be provided
26 weekly, services provided during the labor and delivery period

1 may be provided for the entire duration of labor and the time
2 immediately following birth, and services provided during the
3 postpartum period may be provided up to 12 months postpartum.

4 (c) To be eligible for reimbursement under this Section,
5 the individual providing doula services must have completed
6 perinatal doula training that includes topics such as: (1)
7 health, safety, and well-being; (2) prenatal and early
8 childhood development; (3) cultural sensitivity in the context
9 of doula care; (4) family relationships; and (5) community
10 partnerships. The individual must be willing to submit to a
11 federal and State criminal history background check. If
12 certified, the individual must be practicing within the scope
13 and ethics of his or her certification.

14 (d) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
15 adopt rules to administer this Section. In this rulemaking, the
16 Department shall consider the expertise of and consult with
17 doula program experts, doula training providers, practicing
18 doulas, and home visiting experts, along with State agencies
19 implementing doula services and relevant bodies under the
20 Illinois Early Learning Council. This body of experts shall
21 inform the Department on the credentials necessary for a doula
22 and home visitor to be certified as a Medicaid reimbursable
23 service provider, the training programs that are acceptable,
24 the length of each perinatal visit, and the rate of
25 reimbursement for home visiting and doula services in the
26 prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum periods. Every 2

1 years, the Department shall assess the rates of reimbursement
2 for doula and home visiting services and adjust rates
3 accordingly.

4 (e) The Department shall seek such State plan amendments or
5 waivers as may be necessary to implement this Section and shall
6 secure federal financial participation for expenditures made
7 by the Department in accordance with this Section.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2021."