

# SENATE BILL No. 269

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 27-8-14.3.

**Synopsis:** Coverage for doula services. Requires a health plan (an accident and sickness insurance policy or a health maintenance organization contract) to provide coverage for doula services if: (1) the services provided are within the doula's area of professional competence; and (2) the health plan would provide coverage for those services if the services were provided by any other health care provider.

**Effective:** July 1, 2024.

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January 16, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-8-14.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2024]:

4 **Chapter 14.3. Coverage for Doula Services**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "doula" means an individual**  
6 **who:**

7 (1) **is trained and certified by a nationally recognized**  
8 **institution in providing emotional and physical support, but**  
9 **not medical or midwife care, to pregnant individuals before,**  
10 **during, and after childbirth; and**

11 (2) **may also provide assistance by referring childbearing**  
12 **individuals to community-based organizations and certified**  
13 **and licensed perinatal professionals in other disciplines.**

14 **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "health plan" means either of**  
15 **the following:**

16 (1) **A policy of accident and sickness insurance (as defined in**  
17 **IC 27-8-5-1(a)), excluding the types of insurance and plans set**



1           forth in IC 27-8-5-2.5(a), that is issued, entered into, or  
 2           renewed after June 30, 2024.  
 3           (2) A contract with a health maintenance organization (as  
 4           defined in IC 27-13-1-19) that provides coverage for basic  
 5           health care services (as defined in IC 27-13-1-4) and that is  
 6           entered into or renewed after June 30, 2024.  
 7           (b) The term includes a person that administers:  
 8           (1) a policy described in subsection (a)(1); or  
 9           (2) a contract described in subsection (a)(2).  
 10          Sec. 3. (a) A health plan shall provide coverage for services  
 11          provided by a doula in accordance with the health plan's principles  
 12          and mechanisms of reimbursement, credentialing, and contracting  
 13          if:  
 14               (1) the services are within the doula's area of professional  
 15               competence; and  
 16               (2) the health plan would provide coverage for those services  
 17               if the services were provided by any other health care  
 18               provider.  
 19          (b) A health plan may not require supervision, a signature, or  
 20          referral by any other health care provider as a condition of  
 21          reimbursement for doula services, except when those requirements  
 22          are also applicable to other categories of health care providers.  
 23          (c) This section does not require a health plan to pay for  
 24          duplicate services actually rendered by both a doula and any other  
 25          health care provider.  
 26          (d) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require  
 27          the reporting to the department of utilization and cost information  
 28          related to doula services covered under this section.  
 29          (e) Beginning July 1, 2025, every year on or before July 1, a  
 30          health plan required to cover doula services under this section shall  
 31          report to the department utilization and cost information related  
 32          to the doula services covered by the health plan.

