

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 7, Page 36, Section
2 208.152, Line 216, by inserting after the number "(26)" the following:

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4 "Doula services in accordance with sections 208.1400 to 208.1425;
5 (27) Childbirth education classes for pregnant women and a support person;
6 (28)"; and
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8 Further amend said bill and section, Page 40, Line 347, by inserting after said line the following:
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10 "16. The department of social services shall study the impact that the childbirth education
11 classes provided under subdivision (26) of subsection 1 of this section have on infant and maternal
12 mortality among pregnant women. The department of social services shall submit a report to the
13 general assembly with the results of the study before January 1, 2028.

14 208.662. 1. There is hereby established within the department of social services the "Show-
15 Me Healthy Babies Program" as a separate children's health insurance program (CHIP) for any low-
16 income unborn child. The program shall be established under the authority of Title XXI of the
17 federal Social Security Act, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, as amended, and 42
18 CFR 457.1.

19 2. For an unborn child to be enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program, his or her
20 mother shall not be eligible for coverage under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, the
21 Medicaid program, as it is administered by the state, and shall not have access to affordable
22 employer-subsidized health care insurance or other affordable health care coverage that includes
23 coverage for the unborn child. In addition, the unborn child shall be in a family with income
24 eligibility of no more than three hundred percent of the federal poverty level, or the equivalent
25 modified adjusted gross income, unless the income eligibility is set lower by the general assembly
26 through appropriations. In calculating family size as it relates to income eligibility, the family shall
27 include, in addition to other family members, the unborn child, or in the case of a mother with a
28 multiple pregnancy, all unborn children.

29 3. Coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program shall
30 include all prenatal care and pregnancy-related services that benefit the health of the unborn child

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1 and that promote healthy labor, delivery, and birth, including childbirth education classes. Coverage
2 need not include services that are solely for the benefit of the pregnant mother, that are unrelated to
3 maintaining or promoting a healthy pregnancy, and that provide no benefit to the unborn child.
4 However, the department may include pregnancy-related assistance as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section
5 1397ll.

6 4. There shall be no waiting period before an unborn child may be enrolled in the show-me
7 healthy babies program. In accordance with the definition of child in 42 CFR 457.10, coverage
8 shall include the period from conception to birth. The department shall develop a presumptive
9 eligibility procedure for enrolling an unborn child. There shall be verification of the pregnancy.

10 5. Coverage for the child shall continue for up to one year after birth, unless otherwise
11 prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general assembly through appropriations.

12 6. (1) Pregnancy-related and postpartum coverage for the mother shall begin on the day the
13 pregnancy ends and extend through the last day of the month that includes the sixtieth day after the
14 pregnancy ends, unless otherwise prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general
15 assembly through appropriations. The department may include pregnancy-related assistance as
16 defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1397ll.

17 (2) (a) Subject to approval of any necessary state plan amendments or waivers, beginning
18 on July 6, 2023, mothers eligible to receive coverage under this section shall receive medical
19 assistance benefits during the pregnancy and during the twelve-month period that begins on the last
20 day of the woman's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the month in which such twelve-month
21 period ends, consistent with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1397gg(e)(1)(J). The department
22 shall seek any necessary state plan amendments or waivers to implement the provisions of this
23 subdivision when the number of ineligible MO HealthNet participants removed from the program in
24 2023 pursuant to section 208.239 exceeds the projected number of beneficiaries likely to enroll in
25 benefits in 2023 under this subdivision and subdivision (28) of subsection 1 of section 208.151, as
26 determined by the department, by at least one hundred individuals.

27 (b) The provisions of this subdivision shall remain in effect for any period of time during
28 which the federal authority under 42 U.S.C. Section 1397gg(e)(1)(J), as amended, or any successor
29 statutes or implementing regulations, is in effect.

30 7. The department shall provide coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the show-me
31 healthy babies program in the same manner in which the department provides coverage for the
32 children's health insurance program (CHIP) in the county of the primary residence of the mother.

33 8. The department shall provide information about the show-me healthy babies program to
34 maternity homes as defined in section 135.600, pregnancy resource centers as defined in section
35 135.630, and other similar agencies and programs in the state that assist unborn children and their
36 mothers. The department shall consider allowing such agencies and programs to assist in the
37 enrollment of unborn children in the program, and in making determinations about presumptive
38 eligibility and verification of the pregnancy.

39 9. Within sixty days after August 28, 2014, the department shall submit a state plan

1 amendment or seek any necessary waivers from the federal Department of Health and Human
2 Services requesting approval for the show-me healthy babies program.

3 10. At least annually, the department shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, the
4 speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tempore of the senate analyzing and
5 projecting the cost savings and benefits, if any, to the state, counties, local communities, school
6 districts, law enforcement agencies, correctional centers, health care providers, employers, other
7 public and private entities, and persons by enrolling unborn children in the show-me healthy babies
8 program. The analysis and projection of cost savings and benefits, if any, may include but need not
9 be limited to:

10 (1) The higher federal matching rate for having an unborn child enrolled in the show-me
11 healthy babies program versus the lower federal matching rate for a pregnant woman being enrolled
12 in MO HealthNet or other federal programs;

13 (2) The efficacy in providing services to unborn children through managed care
14 organizations, group or individual health insurance providers or premium assistance, or through
15 other nontraditional arrangements of providing health care;

16 (3) The change in the proportion of unborn children who receive care in the first trimester of
17 pregnancy due to a lack of waiting periods, by allowing presumptive eligibility, or by removal of
18 other barriers, and any resulting or projected decrease in health problems and other problems for
19 unborn children and women throughout pregnancy; at labor, delivery, and birth; and during infancy
20 and childhood;

21 (4) The change in healthy behaviors by pregnant women, such as the cessation of the use of
22 tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, or other harmful practices, and any resulting or projected short-term
23 and long-term decrease in birth defects; poor motor skills; vision, speech, and hearing problems;
24 breathing and respiratory problems; feeding and digestive problems; and other physical, mental,
25 educational, and behavioral problems; and

26 (5) The change in infant and maternal mortality, preterm births and low birth weight babies
27 and any resulting or projected decrease in short-term and long-term medical and other interventions.

28 11. The show-me healthy babies program shall not be deemed an entitlement program, but
29 instead shall be subject to a federal allotment or other federal appropriations and matching state
30 appropriations.

31 12. Nothing in this section shall be construed as obligating the state to continue the show-
32 me healthy babies program if the allotment or payments from the federal government end or are not
33 sufficient for the program to operate, or if the general assembly does not appropriate funds for the
34 program.

35 13. Nothing in this section shall be construed as expanding MO HealthNet or fulfilling a
36 mandate imposed by the federal government on the state.

37 208.1400. Sections 208.1400 to 208.1425 shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri
38 Doula Reimbursement Act".

39 208.1405. For purposes of sections 208.1400 to 208.1425, the following terms mean:

1 (1) "Community-based network", a network that is representative of a community or
 2 significant segments of a community and engaged in meeting that community's needs in the area of
 3 social, human, or health services;

4 (2) "Community navigation services", services that connect pregnant individuals and their
 5 families with available resources using a community-based approach including, but not limited to,
 6 an approach that understands the services and supports available to pregnant and postpartum
 7 individuals receiving MO HealthNet benefits and facilitates access to those resources based upon an
 8 assessment of social service needs;

9 (3) "Doula", a trained professional providing continuous physical, emotional, and
 10 informational support to a pregnant individual, from the prenatal, the intrapartum, and up to the first
 11 twelve months of the postpartum periods. Doulas also provide assistance by referring pregnant
 12 individuals to community-based networks and certified and licensed perinatal professionals in
 13 multiple disciplines;

14 (4) "Doula services", services provided by a doula;

15 (5) "Fee-for-service", a payment model where services are unbundled and paid for
 16 separately;

17 (6) "Intrapartum", the period of pregnancy during labor and delivery or childbirth. Services
 18 provided during this period are rendered to the pregnant individual;

19 (7) "Managed care", the delivery of Medicaid health benefits and additional services
 20 through contracted arrangements between state Medicaid agencies and managed care organizations
 21 that accept a set per member per month (capitation) payment for these services;

22 (8) "Postpartum", the one-year period after a pregnancy ends;

23 (9) "Prenatal", the period of pregnancy before labor or childbirth. Services provided during
 24 this period are rendered to the pregnant individual.

25 208.1410. The following doula services shall be covered by the MO HealthNet program:

26 (1) A combined total of six prenatal and postpartum support sessions;

27 (2) One birth attendance;

28 (3) Up to two visits for general consultation on lactation at any time during the prenatal and
 29 postpartum periods; and

30 (4) Community navigation services, except that any community navigation services
 31 provided outside any visit or session billed under subdivisions (1) to (3) of this section shall be
 32 billed only up to ten times total over the course of the pregnancy and postpartum period.

33 208.1415. A doula shall be eligible for participation as a provider of doula services covered
 34 by the MO HealthNet program only if the doula:

35 (1) Is enrolled as a MO HealthNet provider;

36 (2) Is eighteen years of age or older;

37 (3) Holds liability insurance as an individual or through a supervising organization; and

38 (4) Either:

39 (a) Possesses a current certificate issued by a national or Missouri-based doula training

1 organization whose curriculum meets guidelines established by the MO HealthNet division by rule;
2 or

3 (b) Received training from a source not described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, or
4 from multiple sources, whose curriculum meets the guidelines established under paragraph (a) of
5 this subdivision as verified by a public roster maintained by a statewide organization composed of
6 doula trainers from three or more independent, well-established doula training organizations located
7 in Missouri whose purpose includes the validation of core competencies of training.

8 208.1420. 1. Once enrolled as a MO HealthNet provider, a doula shall be eligible to enroll
9 as a provider with fee-for-service and managed care payers affiliated with the MO HealthNet
10 program.

11 2. Doula services shall be reimbursed on a fee-for-service schedule.

12 208.1425. The MO HealthNet division shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations
13 for the administration of sections 208.1400 to 208.1425. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
14 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
15 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
16 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
17 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
18 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
19 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void."; and

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21 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
22 accordingly.