

HB 3168 -- INSURANCE COVERAGE OF DOULA SERVICES

SPONSOR: Laubinger

Currently, MO HealthNet covers doula services to include one live birth attendance, six support sessions, and community navigation. This bill expands coverage to include attendance at scheduled cesarean section deliveries and increase the number of support sessions that qualify for coverage so that any participant who needs more than six sessions is entitled to up to 10 additional support sessions for a combined total of 16 support sessions.

This bill creates a registration process to allow health insurance reimbursement of doula services. The Department of Health and Senior Services is required to create the criteria for doula registration applications.

Additionally, the bill requires health carriers and health benefit plans to provide coverage of doula services for plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2027.

This bill is similar to HB 3169 (2026).