

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2015**

Ordered by the House May 8  
Including House Amendments dated May 8

Sponsored by Representative KOTEK, Senator FREDERICK, Representative GREENLICK; Representatives HACK, KENY-GUYER

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Directs Oregon Health Authority to reimburse doula at rate of no less than \$350 per pregnancy for services provided to medical assistance recipient.]*

**Directs Oregon Health Authority, in coordination with Traditional Health Workers Commission, to biennially review, and revise if necessary, any reimbursement rates for doulas. Requires coordinated care organizations to make information on access to doulas available online and in print.**

**Directs authority to report to Oregon Health Policy Board and Oregon Public Health Advisory Board on status of doulas in Oregon. Sunsets reporting requirement January 1, 2024.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to doulas.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter**  
5 **414.**

6 **SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 4 of this 2017 Act, "doula" means an individual who**  
7 **meets criteria for a doula adopted by the Oregon Health Authority in accordance with ORS**  
8 **414.665.**

9 **SECTION 3. The Oregon Health Authority, in coordination with the Traditional Health**  
10 **Workers Commission, shall in each even-numbered year review, and revise if necessary, any**  
11 **rates of reimbursement for doulas. When reviewing and revising rates of reimbursement, the**  
12 **authority shall consider factors including retention of doulas, access to culturally specific**  
13 **doulas and evidence-based factors and empirical studies related to the cost-effectiveness of**  
14 **services provided by doulas.**

15 **SECTION 4. A coordinated care organization shall make information about how to access**  
16 **doula services available on a website operated by or on behalf of the coordinated care or-**  
17 **ganization and shall provide the information in print whenever a printed explanation of ben-**  
18 **efits is available.**

19 **SECTION 5. The Oregon Health Authority shall study potential changes to the medical**  
20 **assistance program that would facilitate making direct payments to doulas for services pro-**  
21 **vided while continuing to meet any requirements for supervision of a doula by a licensed**  
22 **health care practitioner.**

23 **SECTION 6. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide to the Oregon Health Policy**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Board and the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board, and shall make available free of charge**  
2 **on the primary website operated by or on behalf of the authority, a report on the status of**  
3 **doulas in this state. The report must include, but not be limited to, information on:**

4 (a) **The number of claims for reimbursement of doulas submitted to the authority and**  
5 **the percentage of those claims that are reimbursed;**

6 (b) **Any barriers experienced by doulas to accessing the claims process;**

7 (c) **The annual increase or decrease in the number of doulas listed on a registry managed**  
8 **by the authority;**

9 (d) **The demographics of the registry of doulas managed by the authority;**

10 (e) **Doula training or certification programs offered in this state;**

11 (f) **The relationship between the registry of doulas managed by the authority and the**  
12 **perceived doula workforce need; and**

13 (g) **Recommendations on achieving cultural specificity goals for doula services.**

14 (2) **The authority shall provide the report required by subsection (1) of this section an-**  
15 **nually beginning on September 15, 2018.**

16 **SECTION 7. The Oregon Health Authority shall first perform the review required by**  
17 **section 3 of this 2017 Act in 2020.**

18 **SECTION 8. Section 6 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 1, 2024.**

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