

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2025 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB 1614

**Patron:** McClure

**Bill Title:** Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; postpartum doula care; report

**Bill Summary:** The proposed legislation directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment for postpartum doula care. Such provision must ensure that eligible individuals receive up to four postpartum doula visits during the 12 weeks after the individual gives birth, with additional visits permitted if such visits are deemed medically necessary. The bill also requires DMAS to report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on the implementation and outcomes of the provision with the first report being due on December 31, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** -

**Fiscal Summary:** The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on impacted agencies.

**Fiscal Analysis:** Currently, Virginia Medicaid reimburses for doula services from the date of confirmed conception through 180 days after delivery, contingent on the individual maintaining Medicaid eligibility. DMAS is authorized to reimburse up to eight prenatal/postpartum visits and attendance at birth. Further, any service limits may be exceeded based upon medical necessity. As such, the proposed bill will not increase the number of doula visits or expand current services. In addition, it is assumed that DMAS can meet the bill's annual reporting requirement within existing resources. Therefore, the bill is not expected to have any significant fiscal impact.

**Other:** None