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

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**Bill Number:** SB 1418 H1 **Patron:** Aird
**Bill Title:** Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; postpartum doula care; report

**Bill Summary:** The substitute bill 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 10 doula visits, with up to four doula visits during pregnancy and up to six doula visits during the 12 months 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:** Yes **Items Impacted:** 288

**Explanation:** Funding is required in Medicaid Program Services. In addition, Appropriation Act language currently sets the number of doula visits (both prenatal and postpartum) to eight.

**Fiscal Summary:** The proposed legislation will require expenditures for which the agency is not currently appropriated. See table and fiscal analysis below.

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

| Agency | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | FY2030 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DMAS | - | $4,960 | $4,960 | $4,960 | $4,960 | $4,960 |

**Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:**

| Agency | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | FY2030 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DMAS | - | $12,228 | $12,228 | $12,228 | $12,228 | $12,228 |

**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. Appropriation Act language (Chapter 2, Item 288, UUU.) requires DMAS to reimburse up to eight prenatal/postpartum visits and attendance at birth. Further, any service limits may be exceeded based upon medical necessity. The substitute bill would increase the number of doula visits by two to ten. DMAS estimates that the annual cost of these two visits would be $17,188 ($4,960 general fund).

**Other:** This bill is a companion to HB 1614.