

NOTICE OF INTENT
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health
Doula Registry Board
(LAC 48:V.Subpart 57)

Under the authority of R.S. 22:1059.1(B)(1)(b) and R.S. 22:1059.1(G), and in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Doula Registry Board intends to promulgate Subpart 57 (Doula Registry Board) of Part V (Preventive Health Services) of Title 48 (Public Health—General) of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC).

The proposed Subpart is necessary to implement the procedures and criteria by which the Doula Registry Board will review and approve doula registrations, in order to allow for health insurance reimbursement of doula services. More specifically, the proposed Subpart sets forth the criteria and procedures for registration approval and placement on the Louisiana Doula Registry, the criteria and procedures for removal therefrom, and the criteria and procedures for renewing a registration.

Title 48
PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL
Part V. Preventive Health Services

Subpart 57. Doula Registration

Chapter 167. Scope and Purpose

§16701. Scope

A. This Part governs the registration of doulas by the Louisiana Doula Registry Board pursuant to R.S. 22:1059.1, to allow for health insurance reimbursement of doula services as provided therein.

Chapter 169. Definitions

§16901. Definitions

A. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein or the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words and terms used in this Chapter are defined for the purposes thereof as follows:

Board—Louisiana Doula Registry Board.

Department—the Louisiana Department of Health

Doula—an individual who has been trained to provide physical, emotional, and educational support, but not medical or midwifery care, to pregnant and birthing women and their families before, during, and after childbirth.

Board Approved Doula Training Organization—an entity recognized and approved by the Board for training and/or certifying doulas

Hospital—a facility or entity licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health, or equivalent licensing agency in another state or U.S. territory, as a hospital.

Louisiana Doula Registry—the board’s listing or database of doulas that hold registered doula status in Louisiana, as conferred by the Board.

Registrant—an individual listed on the Louisiana Doula Registry.

Training—the receipt of education or instruction regarding, or the development through practice, of skills and knowledge related to a competency.

Chapter 171. General Provisions

§17101. Board Composition; Chairperson; Subcommittees

A. The board shall be comprised of members as specified in R.S. 22:1059.1. Board members shall serve without compensation for two years with the option for reappointment. The board may establish subcommittees and appoint persons to those subcommittees, including persons who are not board members, nor voting members, as it deems necessary and appropriate to accomplish its goals.

B. The board shall biennially elect from among its members a practicing doula as chairperson, and may also elect a chairperson-elect.

§17103. Meetings of the Board

A. Unless otherwise provided by vote of the board or by order of the chairperson, regular business meetings shall be held at least quarterly at a place and time designated by the board.

B. Special meetings shall be called by the chairperson, or upon the request of four members of the board.

C. Any member of the public wishing to have a special topic added to the agenda for a board meeting shall notify the chairperson at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Items of an emergency nature may be considered at any meeting without prior notice.

D. Appropriate staff of the Department shall create minutes and keep a record of all meetings, and such records shall be retained as permanent records of the transactions of the board.

E. Meetings of the board shall be open to the public and the board shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.).

§17105. Public Comment at Meetings of the Board

A. At every open meeting of the board or its committees, members of the public shall be afforded an opportunity to make public comment addressing any matters set by agenda for discussion at that meeting.

1. Concerns and public comments shall be limited to five minutes per individual unless the time limitation is waived by a majority of the board members present.

2. The board may require that anyone wishing to speak on a specific item must present the request prior to the convening of the meeting. In such case, cards shall be available to place the request for public comment, along with the requestor's name and for whom the requestor is appearing.

3. The Chairperson may defer public comment on a specific agenda item until that item is brought up for discussion. However, the five-minute limitation for public comment shall remain in effect unless waived by a majority of the board members present.

4. The Chairperson may recognize individuals at a public meeting at his or her discretion.

Chapter 173. Registration Criteria and Application Procedure

§17301. Qualifications for Registration

A. To be eligible to be registered by the board as a doula, an individual must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age;
2. Possess either a high school diploma or high school equivalency documentation;
3. Be a citizen of or lawfully authorized to be employed in the United States; and
4. Meet one of the following qualification pathways:

a. Experience Pathway. Demonstrate evidence of training as a doula by satisfying both of the following criteria:

i. Submission of three letters of recommendation from clients to whom the individual has provided doula services within the previous five years. Such letters must provide specific details concerning the names, dates, and services provided;

ii. Submission of proof that the individual contracted with and provided doula services to at least three clients within the previous five years;

b. Training Pathway. Demonstrate receipt of a certificate of completion of training as a doula by a Board Approved Doula Training Organization.

B. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of the applicant for registration shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications to the satisfaction of the board.

§17302. Application Procedure

A. Application for registration shall be made in a format or utilizing a form prescribed by the board. The application, instructions, and address or method of submitting an application are available on the board's webpage, located or linked to on the website of the Louisiana Department of Health. The board shall have the discretion to require use of an online application submission system.

B. An application for registration shall include:

1. Proof, documented in a manner and form satisfactory to the board, that the applicant possesses the qualifications set forth in this Chapter;
2. A recent photograph of the applicant; and

3. A mailing address, email address, telephone phone number, and such other relevant information concerning the applicant as the board may require.

a. Using the instructions and method described on the board's webpage, applicants and registrants must notify the board within 14 calendar days of any change in mailing address, email address, or telephone number. Any such notification to the Board made by email shall be considered insufficient unless the submitter receives a confirmation notification, by email or letter, from the board. The board shall have the discretion to require use of an online submission system for such changes.

b. The board may require that an applicant provide the board with his or her home address, home/personal cell phone number, and personal email address.

c. The Board may honor a request from an applicant that his or her home address, home/personal cell phone number, and personal email address be confidential and not considered a Public Record, if such applicant also provides a valid alternative email address that shall be considered a public record.

C. Documents required to be submitted to the board under this Chapter need not be the original, however, the Board in its sole discretion may require originals in any particular instance.

D. The board may refuse to consider any application which is not complete in every detail, including submission of every document or type of documentation required by this Chapter. The board may, in its sole discretion, require a more detailed or complete response to any request for information set forth in the application form or this Chapter as a condition of consideration of an application.

E. Notifications from the board to an applicant, including notifications of incompleteness or insufficiency of an application, including an application for renewal, may be sent by the board to the email or mailing address provided by the applicant.

§17303. Effect of Application

A. The submission to the board of an application for registration, including an application for renewal, shall constitute and operate as an authorization by the applicant to any of the following to provide to the board relevant facts, information, and confirmation concerning same to the board:

1. each education institution at which the applicant has matriculated;
2. each client who provided a letter of recommendation concerning the applicant;
3. each client to whom the applicant provided doula services; and
4. each state or federal agency to which the applicant has applied for registration.

B. With respect to any such information or documentation, the submission of an application to the board shall equally constitute and operate as a consent by the applicant to the disclosure and release of such information and documentation and as a waiver by the applicant of any privilege or right of confidentiality which the applicant would otherwise possess with respect thereto.

C. The submission of an application for registration to the board shall constitute and operate as an authorization and consent by the applicant to the board to disclose and release any included information or documentation, and any information or documentation obtained by the board from other persons, firms, corporations, associations, or governmental entities, to any person, firm, corporation, association, or government entity having a lawful, legitimate, and reasonable need therefore, including, without limitation, the doula registration authority of any state.

§17304. Registry Admittance, Termination, Renewal, Reinstatement

A. If the qualifications, requirements, documentation, and procedures set forth in this Chapter are met and provided to the satisfaction of the board, the board shall place the applicant on the *Louisiana Doula Registry*. The board shall notify a successful applicant of such placement by email or U.S. mail, and such notice shall include the expiration date of the registration.

B. Every registration issued by the board shall expire on the last day of December of the fifth calendar year following the year in which such registration was issued, unless renewed pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter.

C. A registrant shall submit an application for renewal to the board no earlier than January 1st and no later than September 30th of the calendar year in which his or her registration expires. For good cause, the board may in its sole discretion accept a renewal application submitted before or after such dates. An application for renewal shall be made in a format or utilizing a form prescribed by the board. The renewal application, instructions, and address or method of submitting a renewal application are available on the board's webpage, located or linked to on the website of the Louisiana Department of Health. The board shall have the discretion to require use of an online renewal submission system.

D. A timely-submitted application for renewal shall be approved by the board only if the applicant demonstrates and submits proof of completion of the continuing education requirements set forth in this Part.

E. Except as otherwise provided in §505 of this Part, any registration not renewed on or before its expiration date shall be deemed expired for non-renewal and become null, void, and of no effect. In such event, the board shall remove the registrant from the *Louisiana Doula Registry*.

F. Reinstatement of Registration. A registration that has expired due to non-renewal may be reinstated within one year of such expiration by submitting an application for reinstatement in a format prescribed by the board. Reinstatement shall only occur if the applicant demonstrates satisfaction of the continuing education requirements prescribed in this Part. Reinstatement shall have effect only from the time it becomes effective and shall not be retroactive.

G. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to allow an individual to circumvent the Continuing Education requirements set forth in this Part by seeking or attempting to have a request or application for registration renewal treated as an application for initial registration.

§17305. Denial of Registration or Registration Renewal; Appeals

A. The Board shall send notification to an applicant of the board's final determination that the applicant shall be denied requested registration, renewal thereof, or reinstatement.

B. Any such denial shall state with particularity the basis for the denial, including the specific reason(s) for the denial, and shall include notice of right to an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law concerning same, provided that the applicant submits an appeal request thereto within thirty calendar days of receipt of the denial.

§17306. Removal from Registry; Appeals

A. The board may revoke the registration of any registered individual who:

1. violates or fails to comply with any applicable provision or requirement of this Chapter;
 2. provides to the board, or to any Board Approved Doula Training Organization, any false, misleading, forged, or materially erroneous documents, documentation, or information;
 3. violates applicable HIPAA or other confidentiality requirements concerning a client;
 4. performs procedures outside or beyond the scope of doula practice;
 5. misappropriates anything of value belonging to a client; or
 6. exceeds professional boundaries, including but not limited to sexual misconduct;
- for purposes of this Section, the term *professional boundaries* means the limits of the professional relationship that allow for a safe therapeutic connection between the doula and the client.

B. Revocation shall occur through issuance and service of an order revoking registration. The order shall state with specificity the nature of the violation(s), including citations to the provision(s) of this Chapter that have been violated. In addition to any other method of service authorized by this Chapter, service on the registrant may be effected by electronic mail sent to the email address provided by the registrant to the board, which shall be deemed effective even if returned as undeliverable.

C. An order revoking registration shall include notice of right to an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law concerning same, provided that the registrant submits an appeal request thereto within thirty calendar days of receipt of the order. The order shall be stayed pending the decision of the Division of Administrative Law.

D. An individual whose registration is revoked may not subsequently seek registration for one year following the date the order revoking registration becomes final as a result of all appeals being exhausted or delays therefor having lapsed. After said one year period, the individual may apply for registration, but the individual shall have the burden of satisfying the board that the basis or cause for the revocation has been corrected, remedied, abated, or otherwise no longer exists.

Chapter 175. Continuing Education Requirements

§17501. Requirements

A. To be eligible for renewal of registration on the *Louisiana Doula Registry*, a registrant must demonstrate and provide proof of successful completion of not less than 20 contact hours of continuing education, or equivalents or alternatives as provided in this Section, obtained since such registration was last issued, reinstated, or renewed. As used in this Subchapter, "contact hour" means 60 minutes of participation in an organized learning experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction, as approved by the board.

B. To be approved by the board, a proposed continuing education program or activity must have significant intellectual, practical, or clinical content, dealing primarily with matters related to maternal healthcare, including during pregnancy, intrapartum, and postpartum.

C. The following programs and activities are illustrative of the types of continuing education programs and activities which may be approved by the board if it determines that they meet the criteria set forth in Subsection B of this Section:

1. attendance at or participation in meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars, or courses, including those sponsored or presented by the board;
2. presenting at or conducting a course, seminar, or workshop, provided that such presentation is accompanied by thorough written materials or a comprehensive outline;
3. teaching of a course in or directly related to doula practice at an accredited education institution, provided that such teaching is not performed in the ordinary course of the registered doula's usual and ordinary employment;
4. publication, in a national, regional, or statewide scientific journal or other publication of a related profession, of an original written work, related to the maintenance or improvement of doula knowledge or skills, which shall count as 20 contact hours; and
5. completion of academic courses related to specific knowledge and/or skills required for practicing as a birth worker at an accredited postsecondary, graduate, or postgraduate education institution. Contact hours shall be calculated from credit hours as follows:
 - a. quarter system hours: One credit hour equals 10 contact hours;
 - b. trimester system hours: One credit hour equals 12 contact hours; and
 - c. semester system hours: One credit hour equals 15 contact hours.

§17502. Request for Continuing Education Program Approval

A. Any registrant or interested person may request that the board approve a continuing education program or activity. Such requestor must provide to the board all relevant information and documentation demonstrating that the program or activity meets the criteria for approval set forth in this Chapter. The board may approve a continuing education program or activity that has already occurred, but only if it strictly meets the criteria for approval set forth in this Chapter.

B. If the board denies approval of a continuing education program or activity for which approval has been sought, the denial shall state with particularity the basis for the denial, including the specific reason(s) for the denial, and shall include notice of right to an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law concerning same, provided that the requestor submits an appeal request thereto within thirty calendar days of receipt of the denial.

§17503. Documentation Procedure

A. Documentation and/or certification of satisfaction of the continuing professional education requirements set forth in this Chapter shall be made in a manner prescribed by the board's renewal application.

§17504. Waiver of Requirements

A. The board may, in its discretion, waive all or part of the continuing education required by these rules in favor of a registered doula who makes written request for such waiver to the board and evidences to the satisfaction of the board a permanent physical disability, illness, financial hardship, or other similar extenuating circumstances precluding satisfaction of the continuing education requirements.

Chapter 177. Board Approved Doula Training Organizations

§17701. Qualifications for Approval by the Board

A. An entity seeking approval from the board as a Board Approved Doula Training Organizations shall demonstrate all of the following:

1. That the entity has employees, board members, or consultants with a subject matter expertise in doula, birth, and/or prenatal care;

2. That the entity issues certificates of completion of training as a doula only to individuals who have received the training or instruction required by Subsection B of this Section, which training or instruction must be prepared and provided by individuals having subject matter expertise in doula, birth, and/or prenatal care;

a. An entity seeking approval that allows third parties to provide training to individuals seeking certificates of completion of training as a doula by the entity shall affirm or attest that the entity verifies the syllabus or curriculum of such third party trainings and the subject matter expertise of the individuals preparing and providing the trainings;

3. That it agrees to verify to the board upon request whether it has issued a certificate of completion of training as a doula to a particular individual;

B. The curriculum for training doulas must include at least eight hours of instruction having significant intellectual, practical, or clinical content, dealing with matters related to maternal healthcare, including during pregnancy, intrapartum, and postpartum. The following topics are illustrative of what such instruction may include:

1. anatomy and physiology of labor, birth, maternal postpartum, neonatal transition, and breastfeeding;

2. labor coping strategies, comfort measures, and non-pharmacological techniques for pain management;

3. the reasons for, procedures of, and risks and benefits of common medical interventions, medications, and Cesarean birth;

4. emotional and psychosocial support of birthing persons and their support team;

5. birth doula scope of practice, standards of practice, and basic ethical principles;

6. the role of the birth doula with members of the birth team;

7. communication skills, including active listening, cross-cultural communication, and inter-professional communication;

8. self-advocacy and empowerment techniques;

9. breastfeeding support measures;

10. postpartum support measures for the mother and baby relationship;

11. perinatal mental health;

12. family adjustment and dynamics;

13. evidence-informed educational and informational strategies;

14. community resource referrals;

15. professional conduct, including relationship boundaries and maintaining confidentiality;

16. self-care;

17. cultural humility;

18. inter-professional collaboration;
19. health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance;
20. trauma-informed care; and
21. diversity, equity, and inclusion.

C. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications set forth in this Section shall be upon the entity seeking approval from the board as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization. An applying entity shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless it demonstrates and evidences such qualifications to the satisfaction of the board.

§17702. Application Procedure

A. An entity seeking approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization shall submit an application in a format or utilizing a form prescribed by the board. The application, instructions, and address or method of submitting an application are available on the board's webpage, located or linked to on the website of the Louisiana Department of Health. The board shall have the discretion to require use of an online application submission system.

B. An application for registration shall include proof, documented in a manner and form satisfactory to the board, that the applying entity meets the qualifications for approval set forth in this Chapter.

C. The board may refuse to consider any application which is not complete in every detail, including submission of every document or type of documentation required by this Chapter. The board may, in its sole discretion, require a more detailed or complete response to any request for information set forth in the application form or this Chapter as a condition of consideration of an application.

§17703. Approvals; Expiration

A. Approval of an entity as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization shall expire five years from the date of issuance. An approved entity may apply to the board no earlier than six months prior to such expiration for re-approval for an additional five years. The procedures, requirements, and qualifications for re-approval shall be the same as those set forth in this Chapter for initial approval, but the board may in its discretion allow an applicant for re-approval to attest/certify, in whole or part, that the applicant's curriculum, oversight, staff qualifications, and procedures for certifying doulas have not materially changed since the last approval by the board.

§17704. Denial of Approval; Appeals

A. The Board shall send notification to an applicant of the board's final determination that the applicant shall be denied requested approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization.

B. Any such denial shall state with particularity the basis for the denial, including the specific reason(s) for the denial, and shall include notice of right to an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law concerning same, provided that the applicant submits an appeal request thereto within thirty calendar days of receipt of the denial.

§17705. Revocation of Approval; Appeals

A. The Board may revoke approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization if the organization:

1. violates or fails to continue to comply with any applicable provision or requirement of this Chapter; or
2. provides to the board any false, misleading, forged, or materially erroneous documents, documentation, or information.

B. Revocation shall occur through issuance and service of an order revoking approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization. The order shall state with specificity the nature of the violation(s), including citations to the provision(s) of this Chapter that have been violated. In addition to any other method of service authorized by this Chapter, service on the organization may be effected by electronic mail sent to the email address provided by the organization to the board, which shall be deemed effective even if returned as undeliverable.

C. An order revoking approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization shall include notice of right to an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law concerning same, provided that the registrant submits an appeal request thereto within thirty calendar days of receipt of the order. The order shall be stayed pending the decision of the Division of Administrative Law.

D. A Board Approved Doula Training Organization whose approval is revoked may not subsequently seek approval for one year following the date the revocation order becomes final as a result of all appeals being exhausted or delays therefor having lapsed. After said one year period, the entity may apply for approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization, but the entity shall have the burden of satisfying the board that the basis or cause for the revocation has been corrected, remedied, abated, or otherwise no longer exists.

E. Revocation of an entity's approval as a Board Approved Doula Training Organization shall have no effect on any doula whose placement on the Louisiana Doula Registry, or application therefor, was based upon having received a certificate of completion of training as a doula from such entity prior to the date that the revocation order became final.

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy. In particular, the proposed Rule has no known or foreseeable impact on:

1. the stability of the family;
2. the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children;
3. the functioning of the family;
4. family earnings and family budget;
5. the behavior and personal responsibility of children;
6. the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual or family as defined by R.S. 49:973(B). In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
2. the effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. the effect on employment and workforce development;
4. the effect on taxes and tax credits;
5. the effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with Sections 978.1 through 978.8 of the Small Business Protection Act of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis/small business analysis on the rule proposed for adoption, amendment or repeal. The impact of the proposed rule on small businesses as defined in the Small Business Protection Act has been considered. Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Doula Registry Board does not expect that adoption of the proposed amendments will have an adverse economic impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule. Such comments must be received no later than Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at COB, 4:30 pm, and should be addressed to Shane Bates, Legislative and Policy Lead, Bureau of Family Health, P.O. Box 3214, Bin #4, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing either by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, P.O. 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 in Room 173 of the Bienville Building, which is located at North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a

public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after November 10, 2023. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
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Date Rule Takes Effect: Upon Promulgation

SUMMARY

(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. **THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.**

(Summary)

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Other than publication costs associated with the proposed rule, which are estimated to be \$825, it is not anticipated that state or local governmental units will incur any costs or savings as a result of this rule.

In compliance with Act 182 of the 2021 RS, the Office of Public Health proposes to adopt Subpart 57 of Part V (Preventive Health Services) of Title 48 (Public Health—General) of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC): Doula Registration. Specifically, the rule establishes the framework for the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health for the purpose of reviewing and approving doula registration for doulas seeking health insurance reimbursement.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Registered doulas may experience an increase in patients, as the ability for doula services to be reimbursed by insurance would expand access to their services. Conversely, this may result in a decrease in maternity patients for doulas not participating in the registry.

Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

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