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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2437

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2437 by replacing
3 line 9 on page 1 through line 19 on page 2 with the following:

4 "(a) Recognizing the importance that doulas provide in the
5 support and advocacy for pregnant persons, all hospitals with
6 licensed obstetric beds and birthing centers shall adopt and
7 maintain written policies and procedures to permit a patient
8 enrolled in the medical assistance program to have an Illinois
9 Medicaid certified and enrolled doula of the patient's choice
10 accompany the patient within the facility's premises for the
11 purposes of providing support before, during, and after labor
12 and childbirth.

13 (1) The patient, the patient's privileged delivery
14 provider, the patient's doula, or the patient's
15 representative must notify the facility as set forth in
16 the written policies established in accordance with this
17 subsection of the patient's plan to have a doula present

1 prior to the patient presenting for delivery. The
2 notification must include, at a minimum, the doula's name
3 and proof of certification and enrollment as an Illinois
4 Medicaid provider.

5 (2) An Illinois Medicaid certified and enrolled doula
6 shall not be counted as a support person or against the
7 guest quota before, during, or after childbirth.

8 (3) Each applicable facility shall post a summary of
9 the facility's policies and procedures adopted in
10 accordance with this subsection on its website, including
11 contact information to facilitate communication between
12 the facility and Illinois Medicaid enrolled doulas and
13 doula organizations.

14 (b) Each facility shall provide, via electronic means or
15 other generally recognized modes, a copy of the policies and
16 procedures adopted in accordance with subsection (a) to:

17 (1) each health care provider privileged to provide
18 delivery services at the facility; and

19 (2) each patient registered to receive maternity
20 services at the facility prior to presenting for delivery.

21 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to provide
22 a doula with access to a patient when that access is
23 inconsistent with generally accepted medical standards or
24 practices.

25 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the
26 contrary, in no event shall a hospital or birthing center be

1 liable for any claims arising, directly or indirectly, from
2 any actions or inactions of an Illinois Medicaid certified and
3 enrolled doula accompanying the patient in the facility prior
4 to, during, or after childbirth."