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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 5-18.5 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-18.5 new)

7 Sec. 5-18.5. Doula and evidence-based home visiting  
8 services. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,  
9 doula services and evidence-based home visiting services shall  
10 be covered under the medical assistance program for persons who  
11 are otherwise eligible for medical assistance under this  
12 Article. For the purposes of this Section, a perinatal doula is  
13 a trained provider who provides regular, voluntary physical,  
14 emotional, and educational support, but not medical or midwife  
15 care, to pregnant and birthing persons before, during, and  
16 after childbirth, otherwise known as the perinatal period.

1 Perinatal doula services include regular visits beginning in  
2 the prenatal period and continuing into the postnatal period,  
3 inclusive of continuous support during labor and delivery,  
4 which support healthy pregnancies and positive birth outcomes.  
5 Perinatal doula services may be embedded in an existing  
6 program, such as evidence-based home visiting. For the purposes  
7 of this Section, home visiting is a voluntary, evidence-based  
8 strategy used to support pregnant people, infants, and young  
9 children and their caregivers to promote infant, child, and  
10 maternal health, foster educational development and school  
11 readiness, and help prevent child abuse and neglect. Home  
12 visitors are trained professionals whose visits and activities  
13 focus on promoting strong parent-child attachment to foster  
14 healthy child development.

15 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in  
16 consultation with the State Board of Education, the Governor's  
17 Office of Early Childhood Development, and the Department of  
18 Human Services, shall adopt rules to administer this Section,  
19 including setting forth the certification and training  
20 requirements for perinatal doulas and home visitors eligible  
21 for reimbursement under Illinois' State Medicaid Plan, as well  
22 as the reimbursement rates for the provision of services to  
23 eligible persons. The Department of Healthcare and Family  
24 Services shall seek such State plan amendments or waivers as  
25 may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Section  
26 and to secure federal financial participation for State

1 Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program. The  
2 Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall consult with  
3 the Illinois Early Learning Council on issues of  
4 implementation, and may request additional guidance from an  
5 advisory body of the Illinois Early Learning Council comprised  
6 of experts with knowledge of perinatal doula and home visiting  
7 services and perinatal health.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
9 2021."