

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group to provide*
3 *recommendations related to amending the state plan for medical assistance services to include a*
4 *provision for the payment of medical assistance for services provided by certified doulas.*

5 [H 826]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall convene a work group to evaluate the*
9 *potential costs and benefits, including potential reductions in maternal and infant mortality rates, of*
10 *amending the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for the payment of*
11 *medical assistance for antepartum, intrapartum, or postpartum services provided to a pregnant person*
12 *or to a person who is up to one year postpartum for labor and delivery support by a certified doula and*
13 *at least four visits during the antenatal period and at least seven visits during the postpartum period*
14 *with a certified doula. Such work group shall also develop recommendations related to an appropriate*
15 *reimbursement rate for such services provided by certified doulas. The work group shall report its*
16 *findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on*
17 *Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2020.*

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