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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; requiring medical assistance to cover doula services;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 28b. **Doula services.** Medical assistance covers doula services provided by a
1.8 nationally certified doula, as defined in section 148.995, subdivision 2, of the mother's
1.9 choice. For purposes of this section, "doula services" has the meaning given in section
1.10 148.995, subdivision 4.

1.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009, and applies to services
1.12 provided on or after that date.