

A bill for an act

relating to health; modifying the definition of doula services; requiring health care providers to provide information on pain relief and medical interventions as part of prenatal care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.995, subdivisions 2, 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

Section 1. **[145.907] PAIN RELIEF AND MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS
INFORMATION FOR PREGNANT PATIENTS.**

Physicians and midwives providing prenatal care must include as part of that care: (1) evidence-based information regarding all methods of pain relief, including nonpharmacological methods; and (2) evidence-based information regarding all common medical interventions that could be used during labor and birth, including the use of electronic fetal monitoring and intravenous fluids.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.995, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Certified doula.** "Certified doula" means an individual who has received a certification to perform doula services from the International Childbirth Education Association, the Doulas of North America (DONA), the Association of Labor Assistants and Childbirth Educators (ALACE), Birthworks, Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPPA), ~~or~~ Childbirth International, International Center for Traditional Childbearing, or any additional organizations recognized by the commissioner of health.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.995, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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2.1 Subd. 4. **Doula services.** "Doula services" means continuous emotional and
2.2 physical support ~~during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum~~ throughout labor and
2.3 birth, and intermittently during the prenatal and postpartum periods.