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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 699

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02/21/2013	362	Introduction and first reading Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing
02/25/2013	398	Author added Kiffmeyer
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A bill for an act

relating to human services; requiring medical assistance to cover doula services;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 28b. **Doula services.** Medical assistance covers doula services provided by a
certified doula as defined in section 148.995, subdivision 2, of the mother's choice. For
purposes of this section, "doula services" means childbirth education and support services,
including emotional and physical support provided during pregnancy, labor, birth, and
postpartum.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2014, or upon federal
approval, whichever is later, and applies to services provided on or after the effective date.