

**148.995 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 148.995 to 148.997.

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, the Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPP), Childbirth International, the International Center for Traditional Childbearing, Commonsense Childbirth, Inc., Modern Doula Education (MDE), or an organization designated by the commissioner under section 148.9965.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

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

**History:** 2007 c 147 art 9 s 27; 2009 c 159 s 38,39; 2014 c 291 art 4 s 23; 1Sp2021 c 7 art 4 s 3