152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 80**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Minor-Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COVERAGE OF DOULA SERVICES.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective January 1, 2024, upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act directs the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) through the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) to provide coverage of doula services, including prenatal and postpartum visits, to eligible clients.

3. DMMA anticipates utilization in year one to be relatively low due to half year coverage as well as limited provider enrollment. DMMA assumes of the nearly 4,000 Medicaid births, approximately 100 clients would use doula services. As the network of providers grows, DMMA assumes subsequent yearly births would increase to 200 and 300 births respectively.

4. In addition, DMMA estimates a one-time cost of $250,000 for the state share portion of system upgrades to support changes to the Medicaid system.

5. According to DMMA, doula services would also need to be factored into the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) coverage as a benefit as maternity benefits are primary provided through the MCOs. It is unclear how these services would affect the rates of the MCOs and are not included in the assumed costs.

Cost:

	Operating/Recurring (State Share)	One-Time	Total Costs
Fiscal Year 2024:	$51,325	$250,000	$301,325
Fiscal Year 2025:	$102,600	$0	$102,600
Fiscal Year 2026:	$153,975	$0	$153,975

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