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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Miller, Acosta, E Morgan, Zurier, Seveney, Felag, de la Cruz, Paolino, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 22, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **40-8-33. Managed care hospital rates for obstetrician delivery.**

4           To ensure better birth experience and postpartum care for Medicaid members, the executive  
5 office of health and human services shall implement an increase for hospitals providing birth and  
6 postpartum care in the following ways:

7           (1) Set managed care payment rates for obstetrician delivery cases to one hundred ten  
8 percent (110%) of the Medicaid fee for service (FFS) rate;

9           (2) Require that managed care payment rates in subsequent years be no less than one  
10 hundred ten percent (110%) of the 2021 Medicaid fee for service (FFS) rate; and

11           (3) Require policies that permit doulas as defined in § 27-18-87 as part of the care team.

12           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would increase managed care hospital rates for obstetrician deliveries at one  
2 hundred ten percent (110%) of the Medicaid fee for service (FFS) rate. The rates in subsequent  
3 years would be no less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the 2021 Medicaid fee for service  
4 (FFS) rate. The act would also require policies that permit doulas as part of the care team.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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