

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 8, 2023

Agency Submitting: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing and Policy

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
System Costs (MMIS) (Expense)		\$99,640		
Total	0	\$99,640	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Division has reviewed this bill and determined that it will have a fiscal impact. If signed into law, this bill would require Nevada Medicaid to cover services when provided to eligible beneficiaries by a Licensed Certified Professional Midwife (LCPM). The bill also requires that reimbursement rates for such services be comparable to the reimbursement rates of other providers who perform similar services.

The Division anticipates minimal changes to medical spending given the provider shortages for these services and the fact that, under the bill, labor and delivery will require an attendant provider. Creating a provider type for LPCMs would simply shift the cost of these services from one provider type to another; additionally, the bill states that the reimbursement rates paid to LPCMs must align with reimbursement rates paid to other providers who are currently providing labor and delivery services. Although it may be less costly for a baby to be delivered at a birthing center rather than a hospital, there is currently only one birthing center enrolled with Nevada Medicaid; the Division lacks adequate data on the number of LPCMs available in the state.

System costs are needed to establish a new provider type for LCPMs at an estimated total cost of \$99,640 (\$24,910 in State General Funds).

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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