

AMENDMENT
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At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . EXTRAMEDICAL MATERNAL HEALTH PRO-**
2 **VIDERS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

3 (a) **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT REQUIRED.**—Not
4 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence the conduct
6 of a demonstration project designed to evaluate the cost,
7 quality of care, and impact on maternal and fetal out-
8 comes of using extramedical maternal health providers
9 under the TRICARE program to determine the appro-
10 priateness of making coverage of such providers under the
11 TRICARE program permanent.

12 (b) **ELEMENTS OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**—The
13 demonstration project under subsection (a) shall include,
14 for participants in the demonstration project, the fol-
15 lowing:

16 (1) Access to doulas.

1 (2) Access to lactation consultants who are not
2 otherwise authorized to provide services under the
3 TRICARE program.

4 (c) PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary shall establish a
5 process under which covered beneficiaries may enroll in
6 the demonstration project in order to receive the services
7 provided under the demonstration project.

8 (d) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
9 demonstration project for a period of five years beginning
10 on the date on which notification of the commencement
11 of the demonstration project is published in the Federal
12 Register.

13 (e) SURVEY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
16 nually thereafter for the duration of the demonstra-
17 tion project, the Secretary shall administer a survey
18 to determine—

19 (A) how many members of the Armed
20 Forces or spouses of such members give birth
21 while their spouse or birthing partner is unable
22 to be present due to deployment, training, or
23 other mission requirements;

24 (B) how many single members of the
25 Armed Forces give birth alone; and

1 (C) how many members of the Armed
2 Forces or spouses of such members use doula
3 support or lactation consultants.

4 (2) MATTERS COVERED BY THE SURVEY.—The
5 survey administered under paragraph (1) shall in-
6 clude an identification of the following:

7 (A) The race, ethnicity, age, sex, relation-
8 ship status, military service, military occupa-
9 tion, and rank, as applicable, of each individual
10 surveyed.

11 (B) If individuals surveyed were members
12 of the Armed Forces or the spouses of such
13 members, or both.

14 (C) The length of advanced notice received
15 by individuals surveyed that the member of the
16 Armed Forces would be unable to be present
17 during the birth, if applicable.

18 (D) Any resources or support that the in-
19 dividuals surveyed found useful during the
20 pregnancy and birth process, including doula or
21 lactation counselor support.

22 (f) REPORTS.—

23 (1) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than
24 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
25 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
2 resentatives a plan to implement the demonstration
3 project.

4 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the commencement of the demonstration
7 project, and annually thereafter for the dura-
8 tion of the demonstration project, the Secretary
9 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
10 ices of the Senate and the House of Represent-
11 atives a report on the cost of the demonstration
12 project and the effectiveness of the demonstra-
13 tion project in improving quality of care and
14 the maternal and fetal outcomes of covered
15 beneficiaries enrolled in the demonstration
16 project.

17 (B) MATTERS COVERED.—Each report
18 submitted under subparagraph (A) shall ad-
19 dress, at a minimum, the following:

20 (i) The number of covered bene-
21 ficiaries who are enrolled in the demonstra-
22 tion project.

23 (ii) The number of enrolled covered
24 beneficiaries who have participated in the
25 demonstration project.

1 (iii) The results of the surveys under
2 subsection (f).

3 (iv) The cost of the demonstration
4 project.

5 (v) An assessment of the quality of
6 care provided to participants in the dem-
7 onstration project.

8 (vi) An assessment of the impact of
9 the demonstration project on maternal and
10 fetal outcomes.

11 (vii) An assessment of the effective-
12 ness of the demonstration project.

13 (viii) Recommendations for adjust-
14 ments to the demonstration project.

15 (ix) The estimated costs avoided as a
16 result of improved maternal and fetal
17 health outcomes due to the demonstration
18 project.

19 (x) Recommendations for extending
20 the demonstration project or implementing
21 permanent coverage under the TRICARE
22 program of extramedical maternal health
23 providers.

1 (xi) An identification of legislative or
2 administrative action necessary to make
3 the demonstration project permanent.

4 (C) FINAL REPORT.—The final report
5 under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted not
6 later than 90 days after the termination of the
7 demonstration project.

8 (g) EXPANSION OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—

9 (1) REGULATIONS.—If the Secretary deter-
10 mines that the demonstration project is successful,
11 the Secretary may prescribe regulations to include
12 extramedical maternal health providers as health
13 care providers authorized to provide care under the
14 TRICARE program.

15 (2) CREDENTIALING AND OTHER REQUIRE-
16 MENTS.—The Secretary may establish credentialing
17 and other requirements for doulas and lactation con-
18 sultants through public notice and comment rule-
19 making for purposes of including doulas and lacta-
20 tion consultations as health care providers author-
21 ized to provide care under the TRICARE program
22 pursuant to regulations prescribed under paragraph
23 (1).

24 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) EXTRAMEDICAL MATERNAL HEALTH PRO-
2 VIDER.—The term “extramedical maternal health
3 provider” means a doula or lactation consultant.

4 (2) COVERED BENEFICIARY; TRICARE PRO-
5 GRAM.—The terms “covered beneficiary” and
6 “TRICARE program” have the meanings given
7 those terms in section 1072 of title 10, United
8 States Code.

