

# House Bill 3456

Sponsored by Representative WEIDNER

## SUMMARY

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Requires health benefit plan to reimburse cost of care provided by licensed direct entry midwife at freestanding birthing center if care would be reimbursed if provided by licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner in hospital setting.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reimbursement for cost of care provided by direct entry midwife; amending ORS  
3 743A.080.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 743A.080 is amended to read:

6 743A.080. (1) As used in this section, "pregnancy care" means the care necessary to support a  
7 healthy pregnancy and care related to labor and delivery.

8 (2) All health benefit plans as defined in ORS 743.730 must provide payment or reimbursement  
9 for expenses associated with pregnancy care and childbirth. Benefits provided under this section  
10 shall be extended to all enrollees, enrolled spouses and enrolled dependents.

11 (3) **A health benefit plan shall reimburse a direct entry midwife licensed under ORS  
12 687.405 to 687.495 for the cost of pregnancy care and postnatal care provided at a freestanding  
13 birthing center as defined in ORS 442.015 if the care would be reimbursed if provided by a  
14 licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner in a hospital setting.**

15 (4) **If an association of birthing centers formed in this state develops and publishes re-  
16 commended prices for affordable pregnancy care and postnatal care provided at a birthing  
17 center, the reimbursement paid under subsection (3) of this section may not be less than the  
18 published prices.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.