

SB408-FN

Bill Details

Title: directing the department of health and human services to make adjustments to the facility fee reimbursement schedule for freestanding birthing centers.

Sponsors: [\(Prime\) Prentiss \(D\)](#), [Perkins Kwoka \(D\)](#), [Jeb Bradley \(R\)](#), [Whitley \(D\)](#), [Kahn \(D\)](#), [Sherman \(D\)](#), [Nordgren \(D\)](#), [Murphy \(D\)](#), [Heath \(D\)](#)

LSR Number: 22-3091

General Status: PASSED

House:

Committee: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Due Out: 4/28/2022

Status: PASSED/ADOPTED

Senate:

Committee: Finance

Floor Date: 3/24/2022

Status: PASSED/ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT

SB 408-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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2022 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **408-FN**

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SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Rep. Nordgren, Graf. 12; Rep. Murphy, Graf. 12; Rep. Heath, Hills. 14

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to make adjustments to the facility fee reimbursement schedule for freestanding birthing centers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struck through~~.

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT directing the department of health and human services to make adjustments to the facility fee reimbursement schedule for freestanding birthing centers.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- Findings. The general court recognizes the critical services and choices provided to families, newborns, and the health care community by freestanding birthing centers in New Hampshire.
- Department of Health and Human Services; Facility Fee for Birthing Centers. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall adopt by rule under RSA 541-A an amendment to the Medicaid facility fee reimbursement rate for freestanding birthing centers, as defined in RSA 151:2, to ensure that the rate is comparable to that for hospitals.
- Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Revised 3/15/22

SB 408-FN- FISCAL NOTE

AS INTRODUCED

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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expenditures	\$0	\$5,000 state general funds; \$9,000 federal funds	\$5,000 state general funds; \$9,000 federal funds	\$5,000 state general funds; \$9,000 federal funds
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Matching federal funds.			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to revise the Medicaid facility fee reimbursement rate for freestanding birthing centers to a rate comparable to that of hospitals. The Department states that currently, the reimbursement rate for freestanding birthing centers is \$637.78, which would be increased to \$921 to achieve comparability to hospital birthing centers. Assuming 50 births per year, the Department anticipates additional expenditures of \$14,161 per year, of which 34 percent (\$4,815) will be state general funds and 66 percent (\$9,346) will be federal matching funds.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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