

## **S.F. No. 1113 (as amended by the A-2 Amendment) – Medical assistance coverage of birth services provided at home requirement**

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**S.F. 1113** adds a new subdivision to Minn. Stat. § 256B.0625 requiring the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs to cover birth services provided at home. The new subdivision defines “birth services” as “prenatal, labor, birth, and postpartum services,” and limits coverage for birth services to instances when the following conditions are met:

1. The birth services are provided by an eligible provider experienced and licensed in the provision of such services;
2. The patient is a low-risk patient for birth services; and
3. The recipient has a plan of care that includes a signed consent form, visits and tests, and a plan for transfer to a hospital as needed.

The bill establishes reimbursement rate requirements for birth services provided under the new subdivision. Specifically, it states that all eligible providers must be reimbursed at the same level as a physician providing those same services and allows an additional payment for supplies used in connection with the birth services. This additional payment amount is based on the facility payment rate received by a hospital for an uncomplicated vaginal delivery.

The bill is effective on January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

