EVERY PREGNANT PERSON DESERVES A DOULA
HD.2452/SD.1638

Let’s pass an Act Relative to Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services to ensure that doulas are available to the communities most impacted by inequities in maternal health.

WHAT IS A DOULA?
Doulas are nonmedically trained professionals who provide emotional, physical, and informational support and guidance during the prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum period.

Community-Based Doulas are typically from the same community as the client, with deeper cultural knowledge and awareness of resources. Access to doulas that share a client’s racial and cultural identity strengthens patient experiences and outcomes.

WHY THIS BILL?
An Act Relative to Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services (HD2452/SD1638) was filed by Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa & Sen. Liz Miranda.

The Massachusetts Doula Coalition gathered community feedback via townhalls and surveys to inform this bill.

This bill will:
• Require that MassHealth cover doula services
• Invest in expanding the size and diversity of the doula workforce in Massachusetts
• Ensure doulas can access training tailored to serving the heightened needs of marginalized communities
• Amend the Patient Bill of Rights to give patients the right to have their doula present during labor and delivery
• Create a Doula Advisory Committee charged with ensuring MassHealth’s doula coverage is effective, sustainable, and reduces racial inequities in birth outcomes

TAKE ACTION WITH US
Your voice and advocacy make a difference.
• Call your elected representatives and ask them to co-sponsor and support HD.2452/SD.1638
• Raise awareness about doulas with your networks by sharing this information.
• Use the #SupportDoulasinMA and #MADoCo to spread awareness on social media.

Questions? Email us at madoulacoalition@gmail.com