

Subject Designated support person for pregnant patient

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Overview

The Health Care Bill of Rights contains a list of rights for patients and residents of acute care inpatient facilities, outpatient surgical centers, birth centers, residential programs, and nonacute care facilities, and for those receiving certain outpatient services. This bill amends the Health Care Bill of Rights to require health care facilities and health care providers to allow at least one designated support person to be present with a pregnant patient receiving health care services.

Summary

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1	Designated support person for pregnant patient.
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	Adds subd. 10a to § 144.651. Requires a health care provider or health care facility to allow at least one designated support person to be physically present with a pregnant patient when the patient is receiving health care services. Defines designated support person and specifies that a certified doula or traditional midwife is not counted toward the limit of one designated support person for a pregnant patient.
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