

## **2009 Minnesota Statutes**

### **148.995 DEFINITIONS.**

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#### **Subdivision 1. Applicability.**

The definitions in this section apply to sections [148.995](#) to [148.997](#).

#### **Subd. 2. Certified doula.**

"Certified doula" means an individual who has received a certification to perform doula services from the International Childbirth Education Association, the Doulas of North America (DONA), the Association of Labor Assistants and Childbirth Educators (ALACE), Birthworks, Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPPA), Childbirth International, or International Center for Traditional Childbearing.

#### **Subd. 3. Commissioner.**

"Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

#### **Subd. 4. Doula services.**

"Doula services" means continuous emotional and physical support throughout labor and birth, and intermittently during the prenatal and postpartum periods.

#### **History:**

*[2007 c 147 art 9 s 27](#); [2009 c 159 s 38,39](#)*

### **148.996 REGISTRY.**

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#### **Subdivision 1. Establishment.**

The commissioner of health shall maintain a registry of certified doulas who have met the requirements listed in subdivision 2.

#### **Subd. 2. Qualifications.**

The commissioner shall include on the registry any individual who:

(1) submits an application on a form provided by the commissioner. The form must include the applicant's name, address, and contact information;

(2) maintains a current certification from one of the organizations listed in section [146B.01, subdivision 2](#); and

(3) pays the fees required under section [148.997](#).

#### **Subd. 3. Criminal background check.**

The commissioner shall conduct a criminal background check by reviewing the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Web site. If the review indicates that an applicant has been engaged in criminal behavior, the commissioner shall indicate

this on the registry and provide a link to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Web site.

**Subd. 4. Renewal.**

Inclusion on the registry maintained by the commissioner is valid for three years. At the end of the three-year period, the certified doula may submit a new application to remain on the doula registry by meeting the requirements described in subdivision 2.

**Subd. 5. Public access.**

The commissioner shall provide a link to the registry on the Department of Health's Web site.

**History:**

[2007 c 147 art 9 s 28](#)

## **148.997 FEES.**

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**Subdivision 1. Fees.**

- (a) The application fee is \$130.
- (b) The criminal background check fee is \$6.

**Subd. 2. Nonrefundable fees.**

The fees in this section are nonrefundable.

**Subd. 3. Deposit.**

Fees received under sections [148.995](#) to [148.997](#) shall be deposited in the state government special revenue fund.

**History:**

[2007 c 147 art 9 s 29](#)