

**Introduced by Senator Limón**February 18, 2021

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An act to add Section 1367.621 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10123.875 to the Insurance Code, relating to maternal health.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 613, as introduced, Limón. Maternal health: neonate medical wrap.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of that act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law imposes certain requirements on health care service plans and health insurance policies that provide maternity coverage, including requiring those plans and policies to provide inpatient hospital care to a mother for no less than 48 hours following a normal vaginal delivery and no less than 96 hours following a delivery by caesarean section, except as specified.

This bill would require a health care service plan or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, that provides maternity coverage, to include coverage for a neonate medical wrap following a cesarean section delivery, and, if requested by the mother, to include coverage for a neonate medical wrap following a natural birth.

Because a willful violation of the bill's requirement by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1367.621 is added to the Health and  
2 Safety Code, immediately following Section 1367.62, to read:

3 1367.621. A health care service plan issued, amended, or  
4 renewed on or after January 1, 2022, that provides maternity  
5 coverage, shall include coverage for a neonate medical wrap  
6 following a cesarean section delivery, and, if requested by the  
7 mother, shall include coverage for a neonate medical wrap  
8 following a natural birth.

9 SEC. 2. Section 10123.875 is added to the Insurance Code,  
10 immediately following Section 10123.87, to read:

11 10123.875. A health insurance policy issued, amended, or  
12 renewed on or after January 1, 2022, that provides maternity  
13 coverage, shall include coverage for a neonate medical wrap  
14 following a cesarean section delivery, and, if requested by the  
15 mother, shall include coverage for a neonate medical wrap  
16 following a natural birth.

17 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
18 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
19 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
20 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
21 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
22 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
23 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
24 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
25 Constitution.

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