

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-115

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**A Bill**

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Pilkington

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM  
MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR  
POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER  
GIVING BIRTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-154. Extension of one year for postpartum coverage.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Extend postpartum Medicaid coverage for mothers to one (1)  
year in duration; and

(2) Take necessary action, including without limitation  
submitting and applying for a state plan amendment or waiver, to obtain  
federal approval to adopt one-year postpartum Medicaid coverage for mothers  
who have recently given birth.

(b) The department shall promulgate rules to administer this section.

Referred by Representative Pilkington

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