

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-116

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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 AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO  
MAKE PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR  
PREGNANT WOMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
PROGRAM TO MAKE PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY  
DETERMINATIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.

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. Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall make presumptive eligibility  
determinations for pregnant women who are applying for the program to improve  
access to prenatal care and allow prenatal care to be delivered immediately  
while waiting for a full application to be processed.

(b) The program may designate one (1) or more qualified entities to  
screen for eligibility and immediately enroll pregnant women into the  
program.

Referred by Representative Pilkington

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