

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1004

5 By: Representative Pilkington
6 By: Senator B. Davis
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR
16 POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER
17 GIVING BIRTH.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 20-77-154. Extension of one year for postpartum coverage.

24 (a) The Department of Human Services shall:

25 (1)(A) Extend postpartum Medicaid coverage for mothers to one
26 (1) year in duration.

27 (B) If a mother is eligible to be enrolled under the
28 Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, § 23-61-1001 et seq., the
29 extended postpartum Medicaid coverage shall be delivered as provided under
30 the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, § 23-61-1001 et seq.

31 (C) If a mother is not eligible to be enrolled under the
32 Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, § 23-61-1001 et seq., the
33 extended postpartum Medicaid coverage shall be delivered through the
34 traditional Arkansas Medicaid Program;

35 (2) Take necessary action, including without limitation
36 submitting and applying for a state plan amendment or waiver, to obtain



1 federal approval to adopt one-year postpartum Medicaid coverage for a mother
2 who has recently given birth; and

3 (3) Request the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to use
4 Children's Health Insurance Program funding to extend postpartum Medicaid
5 coverage for mothers as described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section
6 through a health services initiative project.

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

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/s/Pilkington

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