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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; and

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.

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