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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1008

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM  
11 MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH; AND FOR  
12 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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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-77-154. Extension of one year for postpartum coverage.

25 (a) The Department of Human Services shall:

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

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

32 (b) The department shall promulgate rules to administer this section.  
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34 /s/A. Collins  
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