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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

5 By: Representative Pilkington  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE *MOMNIBUS* ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS  
10 LAW TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN THIS STATE; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE *MOMNIBUS* ACT; AND TO AMEND  
16 ARKANSAS LAW TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH  
17 IN THIS STATE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.*

22 *This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mominibus Act".*  
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24 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-151 is repealed to be reenacted and*  
25 *transferred to another subchapter of the Arkansas Code.*

26 ~~*20-77-151. Depression screening for pregnant women.*~~

27 ~~*(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for depression*~~  
28 ~~*screening of a pregnant woman.*~~

29 ~~*(b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal*~~  
30 ~~*waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to*~~  
31 ~~*implement this section.*~~  
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33 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, is amended to add an*  
34 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

35 *Subchapter 29 – Maternal Health*  
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1 20-77-2901. Depression screening for pregnant women.

2 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for depression  
3 screening of a pregnant woman.

4 (b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal  
5 waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to  
6 implement this section.

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8 20-77-2902. Coverage of prenatal, delivery, and postpartum services.

9 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for prenatal,  
10 delivery, and postpartum services separately in lieu of a global payment or  
11 an all-inclusive payment methodology for maternity services.

12 (b) Prenatal, delivery, and postpartum services include without  
13 limitation:

14 (1) Laboratory fees;

15 (2) Physician ordered testing;

16 (3) Blood work;

17 (4) Remote monitoring;

18 (5) Fetal nonstress tests; and

19 (6) Continuous glucose monitors or other services for  
20 gestational diabetes.

21 (c) This section does not alter coverage provided through the Arkansas  
22 Health and Opportunity for Me Program or a risk-based provider organization  
23 under the Medicaid Provider-Led Organized Care Act, § 20-77-2701 et seq.

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25 20-77-2903. Extension of one year for postpartum coverage.

26 The Department of Human Services shall:

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

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

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

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

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6           20-77-2904. Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

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

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

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15           20-77-2905. Blood pressure monitoring for pregnant and postpartum  
16 women.

17           (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage and  
18 reimbursement for self-measurement blood pressure monitoring services for  
19 pregnant women and postpartum women.

20           (b) Self-measurement blood pressure monitoring services shall include:

21           (1) Validated blood pressure monitoring devices, such as a blood  
22 pressure cuff and replacement cuffs, as necessary, to diagnose or treat  
23 hypertension;

24           (2) Patient education and training on the set-up and use of a  
25 self-measurement blood pressure measurement device that is validated for  
26 clinical accuracy, device calibration, and the procedure for obtaining self-  
27 measurement readings; and

28           (3) Collection of data reports by the patient or caregiver for  
29 submission to a healthcare provider to communicate blood pressure readings  
30 and create or modify treatment plans.

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32           20-77-2906. Reimbursement for remote ultrasound procedures.

33           (a)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for remote  
34 ultrasound procedures utilizing established Current Procedural Terminology  
35 codes for remote ultrasound procedures when the patient is in a residence or  
36 other off-site location from the healthcare provider of the patient and the

1 same standard of care is met.

2 (2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall apply to the fee-  
3 for-service categories of the program and any managed care plan within the  
4 program.

5 (b) A remote ultrasound procedure shall be reimbursable when the  
6 healthcare provider uses digital technology that:

7 (1) Collects medical and other forms of health data from a  
8 patient and electronically transmits the information securely to a healthcare  
9 provider in a different location for interpretation and recommendation;

10 (2) Is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and  
11 Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq., as it existed on  
12 January 1, 2025; and

13 (3) Is approved by the United States Food and Drug  
14 Administration.

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16 20-77-2907. Coverage for certain services provided by doulas and  
17 community health workers.

18 The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse doulas and community  
19 health workers for:

20 (1) Home visitation related to postpartum care; and

21 (2) Lactation and breastfeeding services.

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23 20-77-2908. Implementation and rules.

24 The Department of Human Services shall:

25 (1) Apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan  
26 amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this subchapter; and

27 (2) Adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

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29 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 15, Subchapter 3, is  
30 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 27-15-318. Temporary special certificate during and after pregnancy.

32 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Hayley  
33 Sission Act".

34 (b) A woman who is pregnant, as determined by a licensed physician,  
35 may apply to the Office of Motor Vehicle for a temporary person-with-a-  
36 disability special certificate.

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(c) The temporary special certificate under subsection (b) of this section shall:  
(1) Conform to the requirements under § 27-15-304; and  
(2) Expire one (1) year following the date the pregnant woman gives birth.

/s/Pilkington