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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1759

By: Representative L. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN, AND POSTPARTUM MOTHERS AND BABIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN, AND POSTPARTUM MOTHERS AND BABIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 11, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-1106. Additional Medicaid coverage for children, pregnant women, and postpartum women and babies.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall take necessary action, including without limitation submitting and applying for a state plan amendment or waiver, to obtain federal approval for the following revisions to the Arkansas Medicaid Program:

(1) Provide twelve-month continuous eligibility for children's coverage under the ARKids First A Program to keep children from losing coverage;

(2) Provide presumptive eligibility coverage for pregnant women and children; and

(3) Adopt one-year postpartum Medicaid coverage for mothers and babies.

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

