

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1004

By: Representative Pilkington

By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR
POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER
GIVING BIRTH.

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

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

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

(a) The Department of Human Services shall:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

/s/Pilkington