

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

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

By: Representative Pilkington

### For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

TO CREATE THE *MOMNIBUS* ACT; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN THIS STATE.

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

*SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.*

*This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mominibus Act".*

*SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-151 is repealed to be reenacted and transferred to another subchapter of the Arkansas Code.*

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

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

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

*SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:*

*Subchapter 29 – Maternal Health*



20-77-2901. Depression screening for pregnant women.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Laboratory fees;

(2) Physician ordered testing;

(3) Blood work;

(4) Remote monitoring;

(5) Fetal nonstress tests; and

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

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

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

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; and

(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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

same standard of care is met.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Home visitation related to postpartum care; and

(2) Lactation and breastfeeding services.

20-77-2908. Implementation and rules.

The Department of Human Services shall:

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

(2) Adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

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

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

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

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

(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