

House Bill 1154

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Oliver of the 82nd, Beverly of the 143rd, Williams of the 37th, and Glaize of the 67th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to mandate Medicaid coverage when
3 pediatricians offer and perform maternal screening for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders;
4 to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by revising Code Section 49-4-159, relating to
10 Medicaid coverage for lactation and postpartum care, as follows:

11 "49-4-159.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'perinatal mood and anxiety disorders' means a
13 spectrum of disorders that may include depression, anxiety, panic disorder, bipolar
14 disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or psychosis.

15 (b) The department shall provide Medicaid coverage for:

- 16 (1) Lactation care and services, as defined in ~~paragraph (5) of~~ Code Section 43-22A-3,
17 to pregnant and lactating women and to ~~children who are breastfeeding or receiving their~~
18 ~~mother's milk~~ breastfed or bottle-fed infants and children; and
- 19 (2) Postpartum care for mothers for a period of one year following the date the
20 pregnancy ends. Such coverage shall include, but not be limited to, a screening for
21 perinatal mood and anxiety disorders when offered and performed by a pediatrician.
- 22 (b) If necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall
23 submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department
24 of Health and Human Services."

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.