

1                   **POSTPARTUM MEDICAID COVERAGE AMENDMENTS**

2                                   2023 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                   **Chief Sponsor: Rosemary T. Lesser**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9                   This bill addresses Medicaid coverage for postpartum women.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11                  This bill:

- 12                  ▶ defines terms; and
- 13                  ▶ requires the Division of Medicaid and Health Financing to request a Medicaid
- 14 waiver or state plan amendment from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- 15 to extend the duration of postpartum coverage.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17                  None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19                  None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

22                  **26-18-430**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25                  Section 1. Section **26-18-430** is enacted to read:

26                  **26-18-430. Medicaid coverage for certain postpartum women.**

27                  (1) As used in this section:



- 28           (a) "Initial postpartum period" means the period:
- 29           (i) beginning on the day on which a woman's pregnancy ends; and
- 30           (ii) ending on the last day of the month that is 60 days after the day on which the
- 31 woman's pregnancy ends.
- 32           (b) "Extended postpartum period" means the period after a woman's pregnancy:
- 33           (i) beginning the day after the initial postpartum period; and
- 34           (ii) ending on the last day of the month that is 12 months after the day on which the
- 35 woman's pregnancy ends.
- 36           (2) Before July 1, 2023, the division shall request a waiver or state plan amendment to:
- 37           (a) in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a(e)(16), provide continuous Medicaid
- 38 coverage during the woman's extended postpartum period if the woman is eligible for Medicaid
- 39 during the woman's pregnancy; and
- 40           (b) maximize the number of individuals under Subsection (2)(a) for whom the state
- 41 may obtain enhanced federal financial participation under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396d(y) for
- 42 enrolling an individual in the Medicaid expansion.