

MEDICAID WAIVER FOR NEW MOTHERS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill directs the Department of Health to apply for a waiver from the federal government to implement extended Medicaid coverage for certain new mothers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ directs the Department of Health to apply for a waiver from the federal government to provide Medicaid coverage to a postpartum individual whose household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level for a period of one year after the individual's pregnancy ends.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-424, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-18-424** is enacted to read:



- 28 **26-18-424. Medicaid coverage for qualified postpartum individuals.**
- 29 (1) As used in this section:
- 30 (a) "Qualified postpartum individual" means a postpartum individual who has a
- 31 household income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level as defined in Section
- 32 [26-18-411](#).
- 33 (b) "Postpartum period" means the period of time:
- 34 (i) beginning 61 days after the day on which a qualified postpartum individual's
- 35 pregnancy ends; and
- 36 (ii) ending 365 days after the day on which the qualified postpartum individual's
- 37 pregnancy ends.
- 38 (2) Before August 1, 2021, the division shall apply for a Medicaid waiver or a state
- 39 plan amendment with CMS to provide Medicaid coverage to a qualified postpartum woman
- 40 during the postpartum period.
- 41 (3) If the waiver or state plan amendment described in Subsection (2) is approved, the
- 42 department shall implement the program described in Subsection (2).