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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Medicaid postpartum coverage.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 h. Is a woman who, while pregnant, meets eligibility
4 requirements for assistance under the federal Social Security
5 Act, section 1902(1), and continues to meet the requirements
6 except for income. The woman is eligible to receive assistance
7 until ~~sixty days~~ twelve months after the date pregnancy ends.

8 Sec. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM CARE. Under
9 both fee-for-service and managed care administration of
10 Medicaid, the department of human services shall adopt rules
11 pursuant to chapter 17A, amend any contract with a managed care
12 organization, and apply for any Medicaid state plan amendment
13 or waiver as may be necessary to provide continuous Medicaid
14 eligibility for a woman for a twelve-month postpartum period,
15 if the woman applied for Medicaid coverage before the end of
16 the woman's pregnancy, was determined Medicaid eligible, and
17 remains eligible for coverage during the month in which the
18 woman's pregnancy ends. The woman's eligibility for coverage
19 shall continue during the twelve-month postpartum period
20 beginning with the last day of the woman's pregnancy through
21 the end of the month in which the twelve-month period ends,
22 shall continue without regard to the basis for the woman's
23 eligibility or changes in family income or resources, and shall
24 continue in the same coverage group under which the woman
25 received Medicaid coverage while pregnant unless the woman
26 qualifies for Medicaid under another coverage group once the
27 pregnancy ends or unless the woman's eligibility is through the
28 medically needy program.

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EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill requires that under both fee-for-service and
33 managed care administration of Medicaid, the department of
34 human services (DHS) shall adopt administrative rules, amend
35 any contract with a managed care organization, and apply

1 for any Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver as may be
2 necessary to provide continuous Medicaid eligibility for a
3 woman for a 12-month postpartum period, if the woman applied
4 for Medicaid coverage before the end of the woman's pregnancy,
5 was determined Medicaid eligible, and remains eligible for
6 coverage during the month in which the woman's pregnancy ends.
7 The woman's eligibility for coverage shall continue during the
8 12-month postpartum period beginning with the last day of the
9 woman's pregnancy through the end of the month in which the
10 12-month period ends, shall continue without regard to the
11 basis for the woman's eligibility or changes in family income
12 or resources, and shall continue in the same coverage group
13 under which the woman received Medicaid coverage while pregnant
14 unless the woman qualifies for Medicaid under another coverage
15 group once the pregnancy ends or unless the woman's eligibility
16 is through the medically needy program.