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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility of pregnant women and infants for
2 the Medicaid program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 1, paragraph 1, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 7. (1) Is an infant whose family income is not more than ~~two~~
4 three hundred fifteen seventy-five percent of the federal poverty
5 level, as defined by the most recently revised income guidelines
6 published by the United States department of health and human
7 services.

8 (2) Is a pregnant woman whose family income while pregnant
9 is at or below ~~two~~ three hundred fifteen seventy-five percent
10 of the federal poverty level, as defined by the most recently
11 revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States
12 department of health and human services, if otherwise eligible.

13 Sec. 2. MEDICAID — PREGNANT WOMEN — CONTINUOUS POSTPARTUM
14 COVERAGE — STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS. The department of health and
15 human services shall submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to
16 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
17 States department of health and human services for approval in
18 accordance with sections 9812 and 9822 of the federal American
19 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, as amended by section
20 5113 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, to
21 provide twelve months of continuous postpartum eligibility under
22 the Medicaid program to a pregnant woman whose family income
23 while pregnant is at or below three hundred seventy-five percent
24 of the federal poverty level for the household size, beginning
25 January 1, 2026. The department of health and human services
26 shall also submit a children's health insurance program state
27 plan amendment to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services
28 of the United States department of health and human services to
29 update infant eligibility consistent with the provisions of this
30 Act, beginning January 1, 2026.

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill amends provisions relating to income eligibility
35 levels for pregnant women and infants under the Medicaid program.

1 Current law provides that an infant or a pregnant woman whose
2 family income is not more than 215 percent of the federal poverty
3 level, if the infant or woman is otherwise eligible, is eligible
4 for Medicaid. The bill amends the income eligibility level to
5 375 percent.

6 The bill requires the department of health and human services
7 (HHS) to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the
8 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States
9 department of health and human services (CMS) for approval in
10 accordance with the provisions in federal law to provide 12
11 months of continuous postpartum eligibility under the Medicaid
12 program to a pregnant woman whose family income while pregnant
13 is at or below 375 percent of the federal poverty level for
14 the household size, beginning January 1, 2026. The bill
15 also requires HHS to submit a children's health insurance
16 program state plan amendment to CMS to update infant eligibility
17 consistent with the provisions of the bill, beginning January 1,
18 2026.