

1 **POSTPARTUM MEDICAID COVERAGE AMENDMENTS**

2 2023 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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

5 Senate Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

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

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.