

MEDICAID COVERAGE AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes programs for medical assistance provided by the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires the Medicaid program to apply for a waiver of state plan amendment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide:

- 12 month continuous eligibility for children enrolled in Medicaid;
- 12 months of postpartum coverage for women who are enrolled in Medicaid;
- family planning assistance for individuals at or below 250% of federal poverty level; and
- coverage for certain pregnant women who are lawfully residing in the United States;

► directs the Department of Health and Human Services to implement any coverage for which a waiver or state plan amendment authorized under this bill is approved;

and

► requires the department to report annually to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on medical assistance authorized under this bill.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:



28 None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 ENACTS:

31 **26B-3-401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

34 Section 1. Section **26B-3-401** is enacted to read:

35 **26B-3-401. Medicaid waivers for expanded medical assistance.**

36 (1) Before January 1, 2024, the department shall apply for one or more Medicaid
37 wavers or state plan amendments with CMS to provide:

38 (a) continuous eligibility for a 12 month period for an enrollee who is a child;

39 (b) postpartum coverage for 12 months for a woman who is eligible for postpartum
40 coverage under Medicaid;

41 (c) family planning services as defined in Section [26-18-417](#) to an individual with a
42 household income less than or equal to 250% of federal poverty level as defined in Section
43 [26-18-411](#); and

44 (d) coverage under 42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)(4) for pregnant women who are lawfully
45 residing in the United States.

46 (2) If a waiver or state plan amendment described in Subsection (1) is approved by
47 CMS, the department shall implement the program to the extent the program is approved by
48 CMS.

49 (3) The department may pay the state portion of the costs of medical assistance
50 provided under this section with appropriations from the Medicaid Expansion Fund created in
51 Section [26-36b-208](#).

52 (4) Before October 1 each year, the department shall report to the Health and Human
53 Services Interim Committee:

54 (a) the number of individuals receiving medical assistance under Subsection (2); and

55 (b) the cost of providing the medical assistance.