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SENATE BILL DRS45289-MRa-111

Short Title: Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Burgin, Krawiec, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAID
3 PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT WOMEN FOR TWELVE MONTHS POSTPARTUM, AS
4 ALLOWED UNDER THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, AND
5 TO PLAN TO PROVIDE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH A WAIVER OF TUITION AND
6 REGISTRATION FEES AT A NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to
9 implement the continued Medicaid eligibility of pregnant women for 12 months postpartum to
10 begin on April 1, 2022, as allowed under section 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,
11 P.L. 117-2.

12 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 108A-54.3A(10) reads as rewritten:

13 "(10) Pregnant women with incomes equal to or less than one hundred ninety-six
14 percent (196%) of the federal poverty guidelines. Coverage for pregnant
15 women eligible under this subdivision include only services related to
16 pregnancy and to other conditions determined by the Department as
17 conditions that may complicate ~~pregnancy-pregnancy~~, except that this
18 limitation on services shall not apply as long as the Centers for Medicare and
19 Medicaid Services allows coverage of pregnant women for 12 months
20 postpartum."

21 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective April 1, 2022.

22 **SECTION 3.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
23 Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, the sum of twelve million three hundred
24 forty-four thousand dollars (\$12,344,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and
25 the sum of fifty million eight hundred sixteen thousand dollars (\$50,816,000) in recurring funds
26 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to implement this act. These funds shall provide a State
27 match for twenty-five million eight hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$25,813,000) in recurring
28 federal funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and one hundred six million two hundred sixty-four
29 thousand dollars (\$106,264,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and those federal funds are
30 appropriated to the Division of Health Benefits to be used to implement this act.

31 **SECTION 3.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021.

32 **SECTION 4.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide individuals eligible
33 for Medicaid under G.S. 108A-54.3A(10) with a waiver of tuition and registration fees for
34 courses those individuals enroll in at a North Carolina community college under a program to be
35 developed in the future.



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1 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
2 law.