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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Medicaid-temporary twelve month postpartum coverage.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services;  
2 temporarily extending Medicaid medical assistance to  
3 qualifying pregnant women for twelve (12) months  
4 postpartum; making a conforming amendment; providing  
5 appropriations; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an  
6 effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-4-122(b) by creating a new  
11 paragraph (iii) is amended to read:

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1           **42-4-122. Cooperation with paternity determination.**

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3           (b) The following persons are not required to  
4 cooperate with the department pursuant to subsection (a) of  
5 this section:

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7                   (iii) A person who has been pregnant within the  
8 proceeding twelve (12) months. This paragraph is repealed  
9 effective July 1, 2027.

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11           **Section 2.** Pursuant to the authority granted by  
12 Sections 9812 and 9822 of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
13 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2), the department of health shall apply  
14 for state plan amendments to provide extended postpartum  
15 coverage to pregnant individuals enrolled in Medicaid  
16 pursuant to the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act  
17 or enrolled in the Child Health Insurance Plan.  
18 Authorization for extended postpartum coverage under this  
19 section shall end on March 31, 2027.

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23                   **STAFF COMMENT**

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1 There were questions at the June committee meeting  
 2 regarding whether Wyoming could extend postpartum coverage  
 3 for less than a twelve month postpartum period. According  
 4 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS),  
 5 the extension is required to be a twelve month postpartum  
 6 period and not less than that.

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 8 For now, the March 31, 2027 date is a placeholder for  
 9 further Committee consideration. CMS does not require that  
 10 this Medicaid postpartum extension last through March 31,  
 11 2027, but strongly encourages it. Please advise LSO staff  
 12 as to how long the Committee would like the extension to  
 13 last.

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18 **Section 3.** There is appropriated XXX dollars  
 19 (XXX,000.00) from the general fund and XXX dollars  
 20 (XXX,000.00) from federal funds to the department of health  
 21 for purposes of providing temporary medical assistance to  
 22 pregnant women in accordance with this act for the period  
 23 beginning [insert date here] and ending [insert date here].  
 24 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for  
 25 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
 26 remaining from this appropriation on [insert date here]  
 27 shall revert as provided by law. The department of health  
 28 shall include funding for this program in their next  
 29 biennial budget request.

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 3 STAFF COMMENT  
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 5 Would the Committee prefer that the program start  
 6 immediately or at the beginning of the next biennium? The  
 7 cost for the next biennium is \$3.8 million from the general  
 8 fund and \$3.8 million from federal funds. If the program is  
 9 to start immediately, the funding amount will have to be  
 10 adjusted to match that time period.  
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15 Section 4. The department of health shall promulgate  
 16 any rules necessary to implement this act.

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 18 Section 5.

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 20 (a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of  
 21 this section, this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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 23 (b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective  
 24 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
 25 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
 26 the Wyoming Constitution.

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 30 STAFF COMMENT  
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1 The dates in Section 5 are acting as a placeholder. Please  
2 advise LSO staff of the Committee's desired effective  
3 date(s).

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8 (END)