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Introduced by Representatives Houghton of Essex and Black of Essex

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Medicaid; postpartum coverage

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Agency of Human Services to pursue a Medicaid state plan amendment to extend Medicaid coverage for eligible individuals for 12 months postpartum.

An act relating to extending Medicaid postpartum benefits

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. MEDICAID; POSTPARTUM COVERAGE; STATE PLAN

AMENDMENT

The Agency of Human Services shall seek to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan to extend Medicaid coverage to 12 months postpartum for eligible individuals, as permitted under Sec. 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, beginning on April 1, 2022.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.