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HOUSE BILL DRH40199-MRa-42A

Short Title: Support Maternal Health/Extend Medicaid Cov. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Reives, Cunningham, and Cooper-Suggs (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
4 INSTEAD OF ONLY SIXTY DAYS POSTPARTUM, AS ALLOWED UNDER THE
5 FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
32 law.



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