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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

5
6 By: Representative Pilkington

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM
11 MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

13 Subtitle

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15 TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR
16 POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER
17 GIVING BIRTH.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 20-77-154. Extension of one year for postpartum coverage.

26 (a) The Department of Human Services shall:

27 (1) Extend postpartum Medicaid coverage for mothers to one (1)
28 year in duration; and

29 (2) Take necessary action, including without limitation
30 submitting and applying for a state plan amendment or waiver, to obtain
31 federal approval to adopt one-year postpartum Medicaid coverage for mothers
32 who have recently given birth.

33 (b) The department shall promulgate rules to administer this section.

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36 Referred by Representative Pilkington

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