

House Bill 72

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smyre of the 135th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so
2 as to require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to newborns
3 to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following such birth; to provide for amendments
4 to the state plan if necessary; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Mothers Medicaid Expansion Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
11 in Article 7 of Chapter 4, relating to medical assistance generally, by adding a new Code
12 section to read as follows:

13 "49-4-159.1.

14 (a) The department shall allow women giving birth to newborns to retain Medicaid
15 eligibility for one year following such birth.

16 (b) The department shall submit any necessary modifications, if applicable, to the state
17 plan for medical assistance filed pursuant to Code Section 49-4-142 in order to fulfill the
18 requirements of this Code section."

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.