

Senate Bill 173

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Jordan of the 6th, Au of the 48th, Merritt of the 9th,
Parent of the 42nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 49-4-159 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 Medicaid coverage for lactation and postpartum care, so as to require the Department of
3 Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year
4 following such birth; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 49-4-159 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Medicaid
9 coverage for lactation and postpartum care, is amended as follows:

10 "49-4-159.

11 (a) The department shall provide Medicaid coverage for:

12 (1) Lactation care and services, as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 43-22A-3,
13 to pregnant and lactating women and to children who are breastfeeding or receiving their
14 mother's milk; and

15 (2) Postpartum care for mothers for a period of ~~six months~~ one year following the date
16 the woman gives birth.

17 (b) If necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall
18 submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department
19 of Health and Human Services."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.