

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 633

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-270, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING POSTPARTUM MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR WOMEN; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 56-270, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

56-270. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT -- POSTPARTUM MEDICAID COVERAGE. (1) The state shall amend its state plan to extend medicaid eligibility for twelve (12) months postpartum to individuals who, while pregnant, are eligible for and receive medicaid, in accordance with section 9812 of the American rescue plan act of 2021 and section 1902(e) (16) of the social security act.

(2) If federal financial participation for individuals identified in subsection (1) of this section is reduced or eliminated by more than ten percent (10%) following approval of the state plan amendment, then the senate and house of representatives health and welfare committees shall, as soon as practicable, review the effects of such reduction or elimination and make a recommendation to the legislature as to whether the eligibility extension granted by subsection (1) of this section should remain in effect. The review and recommendation described in this subsection shall be conducted by the date of adjournment of the regular legislative session following the date of reduction in or elimination of federal financial participation.

- (3) The department of health and welfare is required and authorized to:
- (a) Take such actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section;
 - (b) Begin the application process for federal approval of the state plan amendment described in subsection (1) of this section no later than July 1, 2024; and
 - (c) Seek to maximize federal financial participation on medicaid coverage for individuals identified in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature that the department of health and welfare begin the application process for any federal approval necessary to implement the provisions of this act no later than July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.