

SENATE No. 2583

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
—

SENATE, November 17, 2021.

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 738) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to protect pregnant and postpartum patients; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 799) of Joan B. Lovely, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., James J. O'Day, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to expand equitable access to maternal postpartum care; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1297) of Liz Miranda and others for legislation to extend MassHealth standard coverage to pregnant and postpartum residents of the Commonwealth, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2583).

For the committee,
Cindy F. Friedman

SENATE No. 2583

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to expanding equitable access to maternal postpartum care.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10A ½. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
4 division shall continue MassHealth Standard coverage for pregnant and postpartum residents of
5 the commonwealth who are eligible through Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act
6 or under a Section 1115 Demonstration waiver to 12 months following the end of the pregnancy
7 plus an additional period extending to the end of the month in which the 12 month period ends,
8 regardless of any change in the resident's family income.

9 (b) The same level and duration of MassHealth coverage established under subsection (a)
10 shall be made available to pregnant and postpartum residents of the commonwealth regardless of
11 immigration status.

12 (c) The Executive Office shall maximize federal financial participation for the coverage
13 and benefits under this section, provided, however, that coverage and benefits provided under
14 this section shall not be contingent upon the availability of federal financial participation.