

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0004

Medicaid twelve month postpartum coverage.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services;  
2 temporarily extending Medicaid medical assistance to  
3 qualifying pregnant women for twelve (12) months  
4 postpartum; making a conforming amendment; providing an  
5 appropriation; requiring rulemaking; and providing for  
6 effective dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-4-122(b) by creating a new  
11 paragraph (iii) is amended to read:

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13 **42-4-122. Cooperation with paternity determination.**

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1           (b) The following persons are not required to  
2 cooperate with the department pursuant to subsection (a) of  
3 this section:

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5                   (iii) A person who has been pregnant within the  
6 preceding twelve (12) months. This paragraph is repealed  
7 effective March 31, 2027.

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9           **Section 2.** Pursuant to the authority granted by  
10 Sections 9812 and 9822 of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
11 2021 (P.L. 117-2), the department of health shall apply for  
12 state plan amendments to provide extended postpartum  
13 coverage to pregnant individuals enrolled in Medicaid  
14 pursuant to the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act  
15 or enrolled in the Child Health Insurance Plan.  
16 Authorization for extended postpartum coverage under this  
17 section shall end on March 31, 2027.

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19           **Section 3.** There is appropriated three million eight  
20 hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000.00) from the general  
21 fund and three million eight hundred thousand dollars  
22 (\$3,800,000.00) from federal funds to the department of  
23 health for purposes of providing temporary medical

1 assistance to pregnant women in accordance with this act  
2 for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30,  
3 2024. This appropriation shall not be transferred or  
4 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
5 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June  
6 30, 2024 shall revert as provided by law. The department of  
7 health shall include funding for this program in their next  
8 biennial budget request.

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10 **Section 4.** The department of health shall promulgate  
11 any rules necessary to implement this act.

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13 **Section 5.**

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15 (a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of  
16 this section, this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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18 (b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective  
19 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
20 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
21 the Wyoming Constitution.

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