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1 AN ACT Relating to postpartum coverage; and amending RCW
2 74.09.830.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.830 and 2024 c 213 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The authority shall extend health care coverage from 60 days
7 postpartum to ~~((one year))~~ six months postpartum for pregnant or
8 postpartum persons who, on or after the expiration date of the
9 federal public health emergency declaration related to COVID-19, are
10 receiving postpartum coverage provided under this chapter.

11 (2) By June 1, 2022, the authority must:

12 (a) Provide health care coverage to postpartum persons who reside
13 in Washington state, have countable income equal to or below 193
14 percent of the federal poverty level, and are not otherwise eligible
15 under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act; and

16 (b) Ensure all persons approved for pregnancy or postpartum
17 coverage at any time are continuously eligible for postpartum
18 coverage for ~~((12))~~ six months after the pregnancy ends regardless of
19 whether they experience a change in income during the period of
20 eligibility.

1 (3) By November 1, 2024, the income standards for a postpartum
2 person eligible for Washington apple health pregnancy or postpartum
3 coverage shall have countable income equal to or below 210 percent of
4 the federal poverty level.

5 (4) Health care coverage under this section must be provided
6 during the (~~12-month~~) six-month period beginning on the last day of
7 the pregnancy.

8 (5) The authority shall not provide health care coverage under
9 this section to individuals who are eligible to receive health care
10 coverage under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security
11 act. Health care coverage for these individuals shall be provided by
12 a program that is funded by Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal
13 social security act. Further, the authority shall make every effort
14 to expedite and complete eligibility determinations for individuals
15 who are presumptively eligible to receive health care coverage under
16 Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act to ensure
17 the state is receiving the maximum federal match. This includes, but
18 is not limited to, working with the managed care organizations to
19 provide continuous outreach in various modalities until the
20 individual's eligibility determination is completed. Beginning
21 January 1, 2022, the authority must submit quarterly reports to the
22 caseload forecast work group on the number of individuals who are
23 presumptively eligible to receive health care coverage under Title
24 XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act but are awaiting
25 for the authority to complete eligibility determination, the number
26 of individuals who were presumptively eligible but are now receiving
27 health care coverage with the maximum federal match under Title XIX
28 or Title XXI of the federal social security act, and outreach
29 activities including the work with managed care organizations.

30 (6) To ensure continuity of care and maximize the efficiency of
31 the program, the amount and scope of health care services provided to
32 individuals under this section must be the same as that provided to
33 pregnant and postpartum persons under medical assistance, as defined
34 in RCW 74.09.520.

35 (7) In administering this program, the authority must seek any
36 available federal financial participation under the medical
37 assistance program, as codified at Title XIX of the federal social
38 security act, the state children's health insurance program, as
39 codified at Title XXI of the federal social security act, and any
40 other federal funding sources that are now available or may become

1 available. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring the state
2 is receiving the maximum federal match for individuals who are
3 presumptively eligible to receive health care coverage under Title
4 XIX or Title XXI of the federal social security act by expediting
5 completion of the individual's eligibility determination.

6 (8) Working with stakeholder and community organizations and the
7 Washington health benefit exchange, the authority must establish a
8 comprehensive community education and outreach campaign to facilitate
9 applications for and enrollment in the program or into a more
10 appropriate program where the state receives maximum federal match.
11 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific
12 purpose, the education and outreach campaign must provide culturally
13 and linguistically accessible information to facilitate participation
14 in the program, including but not limited to enrollment procedures,
15 program services, and benefit utilization.

16 (9) Beginning January 1, 2022, the managed care organizations
17 contracted with the authority to provide postpartum coverage must
18 annually report to the legislature on their work to improve maternal
19 health for enrollees, including but not limited to postpartum
20 services offered to enrollees, the percentage of enrollees utilizing
21 each postpartum service offered, outreach activities to engage
22 enrollees in available postpartum services, and efforts to collect
23 eligibility information for the authority to ensure the enrollee is
24 in the most appropriate program for the state to receive the maximum
25 federal match.

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