

Senate Bill 338

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to increase postpartum coverage under
3 Medicaid from six months to one year following birth; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 medical assistance generally, is amended by revising Code Section 49-4-159, relating to
9 Medicaid coverage for lactation and postpartum care, 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.

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21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.