

Senate Bill 308

By: Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Jones II of the 22nd, Esteves of the 35th, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th 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 provide for Medicaid coverage of  
3 postpartum maternal mental health care services; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**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 subsection (a) of Code Section  
9 49-4-159, relating to Medicaid coverage for lactation and postpartum care, as follows:

10 "(a) The department shall provide Medicaid coverage for:

11 (1) Lactation care and services, as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 43-22A-3,  
12 to pregnant and lactating women and to children who are breastfeeding or receiving their  
13 mother's milk; ~~and~~

14 (2) Postpartum care for mothers for a period of one year following the date the  
15 pregnancy ends; and

16 (3) Postpartum mental health care services for mothers, including screenings for  
17 depression and anxiety, and maternal mental health support for a period of one year  
18 following the date the pregnancy ends."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.