

H.F. 521

As introduced

Subject MA Postpartum Care

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### **Overview**

This bill expands Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for pregnant women from 60 to 365 days postpartum, directs the commissioner of human services to seek necessary federal waivers and approval, and makes conforming changes. The MA income limit for pregnant women is 278 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (\$47,927/month for a household of two).

# **Summary**

## **Section Description**

#### 1 Pregnant women; needy unborn child.

Amends § 256B.055, subd. 6. Extends MA coverage for pregnant women from 60 to 365 days postpartum. States that the section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

## 2 Eligibility verification.

Amends § 256B.056, subd. 10. Makes a conforming change related to the extension of MA coverage for pregnant women to 365 days postpartum. States that the section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

#### 3 Citizenship requirements.

Amends § 256B.06, subd. 4. Makes a conforming change related to the extension of MA coverage for pregnant women to 365 days postpartum. States that the section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

#### 4 Federal approval; extension of postpartum coverage.

Requires the commissioner of human services to seek all federal waivers and approvals necessary to extend MA coverage for pregnant women to 365 days postpartum. States that the section is effective the day following final enactment.

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