AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for postpartum behavioral healthcare.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 205.592 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Beginning October 1, 1990, pregnant women and children up to age one (1) shall be eligible for participation in the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program if:

(a) They have family income up to but not exceeding one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the nonfarm income official poverty guidelines as promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States as revised annually; and

(b) They are otherwise eligible for the program.

(2) For pregnant women deemed eligible for the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with whom the department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services shall cover behavioral health services, including treatment for postpartum depression and substance use disorders, for twelve (12) months postpartum.

Section 2. If the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services determines that a waiver or any other authorization from a federal agency is necessary prior to the implementation of any provision of Section 1 of this Act, the cabinet or department shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this Act, request the waiver or authorization and shall only delay full implementation of those provisions for which a waiver or authorization was deemed necessary until the waiver or authorization is granted.