OVERVIEW: Section 9D.13 of S.L. 2021-180 provides pregnant women with full, instead of limited, Medicaid benefits and extends those benefits to 12 months postpartum instead of 60 days. As authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act, this increase in Medicaid coverage will begin April 1, 2022, and end March 31, 2027. Funding for the costs of this increase in coverage will be collected through an increase in the modernized hospital assessments, under Section 9D.13A of the act.

This section becomes effective April 1, 2022.