

SENATE No. 2731

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
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SENATE, February 28, 2022.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to expanding equitable access to maternal postpartum care (Senate, No. 2583),- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2731).

For the committee,
Michael J. Rodrigues

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An Act relative to expanding equitable access to maternal postpartum care.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10A½. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
4 division shall continue MassHealth standard coverage for pregnant or postpartum residents of the
5 commonwealth who are eligible through Title XIX and Title XXI or under the MassHealth
6 section 1115 demonstration waiver pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1315 for a period of 12 months
7 following the end of the pregnancy plus an additional period extending to the end of the month in
8 which the 12-month period ends, regardless of any change in the resident’s family income.

9 (b) The secretary of health and human services shall maximize federal financial
10 participation for the coverage and benefits under this section; provided, however, that coverage
11 and benefits provided under this section shall not be contingent upon the availability of federal
12 financial participation.