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# S. 1834

To prevent cost-sharing requirements for prenatal, childbirth, neonatal, perinatal, or postpartum health care.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2025

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To prevent cost-sharing requirements for prenatal, childbirth, neonatal, perinatal, or postpartum health care.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Healthy  
5 Moms and Babies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS TO INCLUDE PRE-**  
 2 **NATAL, CHILDBIRTH, NEONATAL, PERINATAL,**  
 3 **AND POSTPARTUM HEALTH CARE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1302(b) of the Patient  
 5 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(b))  
 6 is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
 8 graph (6); and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
 10 lowing:

11 “(5) MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CARE RE-  
 12 QUIREMENTS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The benefits referred  
 14 to in paragraph (1)(D) shall include com-  
 15 prehensive prenatal, labor and delivery, neo-  
 16 natal, perinatal, and postpartum care and  
 17 screenings.

18 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—At a minimum, the  
 19 care and screenings described in subparagraph  
 20 (A) shall include—

21 “(i) ultrasounds by a licensed pro-  
 22 vider;

23 “(ii) services caring for the individual  
 24 relating to spontaneous pregnancy loss or  
 25 spontaneous miscarriage;

1           “(iii) delivery services, including serv-  
2           ices rendered during delivery, such as an-  
3           esthesiology, fetal monitoring, consulta-  
4           tions with specialists, and services relating  
5           to postpartum health;

6           “(iv) the services required to be cov-  
7           ered under section 2725 of the Public  
8           Health Service Act, section 711 of the Em-  
9           ployee Retirement Income Security Act of  
10          1974, and section 9811 of the Internal  
11          Revenue Code of 1986;

12          “(v) postpartum care services that are  
13          not preventive, including behavioral health  
14          services, for conditions that may have been  
15          exacerbated by pregnancy or conditions as  
16          a result of pregnancy, such as diabetes, hy-  
17          pertension, and obesity; and

18          “(vi) for legal parents of a new child  
19          who do not physically give birth to the  
20          child, behavioral health services relating to  
21          new parenthood for the 1-year period be-  
22          ginning on the day of the birth of the  
23          child.

24          “(C) DEFINITION OF POSTPARTUM.—In  
25          this paragraph, the term ‘postpartum’ means

1 the 1-year period beginning immediately after  
2 the pregnancy ends.”.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-  
4 section (a) shall be considered as if included in the enact-  
5 ment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
6 (Public Law 111–148).

7 (c) PLAN YEARS.—The amendment made by sub-  
8 section (a) shall apply with respect to plan years beginning  
9 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 3. NO COST-SHARING FOR PRENATAL, CHILDBIRTH,**  
11 **NEONATAL, PERINATAL, OR POSTPARTUM**  
12 **HEALTH CARE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title XXVII of the Pub-  
14 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–111 et seq.) is  
15 amended by adding at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 2799A-11. NO COST-SHARING FOR PRENATAL, CHILD-**  
17 **BIRTH, NEONATAL, PERINATAL, OR**  
18 **POSTPARTUM HEALTH CARE.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For plan years beginning on or  
20 after the date of enactment of the Supporting Healthy  
21 Moms and Babies Act, a group health plan and a health  
22 insurance issuer offering group or individual health insur-  
23 ance coverage shall provide coverage for the benefits de-  
24 scribed in section 1302(b)(1)(D) of the Patient Protection  
25 and Affordable Care Act, to the same extent that qualified

1 health plans (as defined in section 1301 of such Act) are  
2 required to provide coverage for such benefits, and shall  
3 not impose any cost-sharing requirements for such bene-  
4 fits.

5 “(b) DEFINITION OF COST-SHARING.—In this sec-  
6 tion, the term ‘cost-sharing’ has the meaning given the  
7 term in section 1302(e)(3) of the Patient Protection and  
8 Affordable Care Act.”.

9 (b) ERISA.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part 7 of sub-  
11 title B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income  
12 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1185 et seq.) is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 **“SEC. 726. NO COST-SHARING FOR PRENATAL, CHILDBIRTH,**  
15 **NEONATAL, PERINATAL, OR POSTPARTUM**  
16 **HEALTH CARE.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For plan years beginning on or  
18 after the date of enactment of the Supporting Healthy  
19 Moms and Babies Act, a group health plan and a health  
20 insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage  
21 shall provide coverage for the benefits described in section  
22 1302(b)(1)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
23 Care Act, to the same extent that qualified health plans  
24 (as defined in section 1301 of such Act) are required to

1 provide coverage for such benefits, and shall not impose  
2 any cost-sharing requirements for such benefits.

3 “(b) DEFINITION OF COST-SHARING.—In this sec-  
4 tion, the term ‘cost-sharing’ has the meaning given the  
5 term in section 1302(e)(3) of the Patient Protection and  
6 Affordable Care Act.”.

7 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
8 tents in section 1 of the Employee Retirement In-  
9 come Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)  
10 is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
11 section 725 the following:

“Sec. 726. No cost-sharing for prenatal, childbirth, neonatal, perinatal, or  
postpartum health care.”.

12 (c) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter  
14 100 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
15 ed by adding at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 9826. NO COST-SHARING FOR PRENATAL, CHILD-**  
17 **BIRTH, NEONATAL, PERINATAL, OR**  
18 **POSTPARTUM HEALTH CARE.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For plan years beginning on or  
20 after the date of enactment of the Supporting Healthy  
21 Moms and Babies Act, a group health plan shall provide  
22 coverage for the benefits described in section  
23 1302(b)(1)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
24 Care Act, to the same extent that qualified health plans

1 (as defined in section 1301 of such Act) are required to  
2 provide coverage for such benefits, and shall not impose  
3 any cost-sharing requirements for such benefits.

4 “(b) DEFINITION OF COST-SHARING.—In this sec-  
5 tion, the term ‘cost-sharing’ has the meaning given the  
6 term in section 1302(c)(3) of the Patient Protection and  
7 Affordable Care Act.”.

8 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
9 tions for subchapter B of chapter 100 of the Inter-  
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
11 the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9826. No cost-sharing for prenatal, childbirth, neonatal, perinatal, or  
postpartum health care.”.

12 (d) APPLICATION.—This section shall be considered  
13 as if included in the enactment of the Patient Protection  
14 and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148).

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