

# SENATE BILL No. 51

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-15-5-6.5.

**Synopsis:** Postpartum care for new mothers on Medicaid. Requires that: (1) certain health care providers; (2) hospitals; and (3) the office of the secretary of family and social services or a managed care organization that has contracted with the office under the Medicaid program; ensure that a Medicaid recipient or an individual eligible for Medicaid who gives birth schedules a follow-up appointment for postpartum care that is not later than 60 days from the date the woman gives birth. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 12-15-5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.5. The following shall ensure that a woman who has**  
4 **given birth and is either a Medicaid recipient or eligible for**  
5 **Medicaid schedules a follow-up appointment with a health care**  
6 **provider for a postpartum checkup that is not later than sixty (60)**  
7 **days from the date the woman gives birth:**  
8       (1) A hospital that is licensed under IC 16-21 and operates a  
9       maternity unit.  
10       (2) A health care provider that provided prenatal or delivery  
11       care to the woman.  
12       (3) The office or a managed care organization that has  
13       contracted with the office under this article.

