DIGEST

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HB 468 Reengrossed	2021 Regular Session	Landry

Abstract: Provides relative to the extension of Medicaid coverage for individuals experiencing postpartum.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), on and after Apr. 1, 2022, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) shall provide postpartum Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant individuals who qualify under the state's Medicaid plan, 12 months after the end of their pregnancy.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits LDH from furnishing such coverage until the legislature appropriates the necessary funding.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that LDH shall promulgate all such rules in accordance with <u>present law</u> as are necessary to implement the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 46:447.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:
- 1. Provide that postpartum Medicaid coverage to eligible pregnant individuals who satisfy the state's Medicaid qualifications is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, on or after April 1, 2022.
- 2. Provide that the Louisiana Department of Health shall not furnish any coverage absent the requisite funding from the state legislature.
- 3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Changes funding provision to state that the Louisiana Department of Health shall not implement the provisions of proposed law absent sufficient funding from the state legislature.

2. Make technical changes.