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H. F. No. 4161

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; specifying postnatal coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.3 2020, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 62A.0412 POSTNATAL VISITS COVERED.

1.7 (a) Every health plan as defined in section 62A.01, subdivision 3, must provide postnatal
1.8 coverage for:

1.9 (1) a comprehensive postnatal visit with a health care provider within three weeks of
1.10 the date of delivery;

1.11 (2) all postnatal visits recommended by the patient's health care provider between three
1.12 and 11 weeks from the date of delivery; and

1.13 (3) a comprehensive postnatal visit with the patient's health care provider twelve weeks
1.14 from the date of delivery.

1.15 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "comprehensive postnatal visit" means a visit with
1.16 a health care provider that includes a full assessment of the mother's and infant's physical,
1.17 social, and psychological well-being, including but not limited to mood and emotional
1.18 well-being, infant care and feeding, sexuality, contraception and birth spacing, sleep and
1.19 fatigue, physical recovery from birth, chronic disease management, and health maintenance.

1.20 (c) The requirements in this section are in addition to the requirements in section
1.21 62A.0411.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2023, and applies to health
2.2 plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.4 to read:

2.5 Subd. 14a. **Postnatal visits covered.** (a) Medical assistance provides postnatal coverage
2.6 for:

2.7 (1) a comprehensive postnatal visit with a health care provider within three weeks of
2.8 the date of delivery;

2.9 (2) all postnatal visits recommended by the patient's health care provider between three
2.10 and 11 weeks from the date of delivery; and

2.11 (3) a comprehensive postnatal visit with the patient's health care provider 12 weeks from
2.12 the date of delivery.

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