

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB913**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 02, 2024  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Hunt  
**One Liner:** Require a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Riepe, Walz
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Hardin, Hansen

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Megan Hunt  
Sara Howard  
Ann Anderson Berry  
Tom Venzor  
Rosa Pinto  
Andrea Skolkin  
Taylor Givens-Dunn  
Kelsey Arends  
Dr. Echo Koehler

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
First Five Nebraska  
Nebraska Medical Association, NPQIC  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Heartland Workers Center  
OneWorld Community Health Centers  
I Be Black Girl  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska Nurses Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 913 requires DHHS to submit a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for children covered under the unborn child option.

Sec. 1: On or before October 1, 2024, DHHS is required to seek approval for federal matching funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through a state plan amendment to CHIP in order to implement a health services initiative to provide postpartum coverage for at least 6 months for a mother whose child is covered



under the unborn child option. The benefits provided during the postpartum period shall be identical to the comprehensive postpartum benefits provided to a pregnant woman under Medicaid. Nothing in this bill shall preclude DHHS from submitting a state plan amendment to provide 12 months of postpartum coverage.

Sec. 2: Repealer

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Standing Committee Amendment, AM2321, provides the following changes:

AM2321 replaces the term “covered services” with “benefits” in Section 1. Also, new language is added that it is the intent of the Legislature to use the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to fund these services.

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Ben Hansen, Chairperson

