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Present law provides legislative findings regarding pregnancy and access to prenatal care.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds legislative findings relative to maternal morbidity, current Medicaid policy, and postpartum health care coverage.

<u>Present law</u> requires the Louisiana Department of Health to amend the Medicaid state plan to provide for Medicaid services eligibility for all pregnant women with income of up to 185% of the federal poverty level.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires eligibility for twelve months postpartum Medicaid coverage for all pregnant women covered under <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals an outdated provision that <u>present law</u> shall not be implemented unless the department can finance the expansion through self-generated revenues.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 46:447.2(B)(1); adds R.S. 46:447.2(A)(3)-(9); repeals R.S. 46:447.2(F))