

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 505**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced January 19, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;  
and then to the Committee on Finance]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §9-2-14, relating to Medicaid coverage for postpartum health care.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; POWERS, DUTIES AND  
RESPOSIBILITIES GENERALLY.**

**§9-2-14. Coverage for postpartum healthcare.**

- 1 Pregnant women and new parents up to 24 months postpartum, and children up to age two  
2 shall be eligible for participation in the West Virginia Medicaid Program if:  
3 (1) They have family income up to but not exceeding 185 percent (185%) of the nonfarm  
4 income official poverty guidelines as promulgated by the Department of Health and Human  
5 Services of the United States as revised annually; and  
6 (2) They are otherwise eligible for the program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide Medicaid coverage for postpartum healthcare.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.