

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.