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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT  
WOMEN

Introduced By: Senators Goldin, Valverde, DiMario, Bell, Calkin, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-12.3 of the General Laws entitled "Health Care for Children and  
2 Pregnant Women" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-12.3-17. Healthy pregnancy program.**

4 Pregnant women with an annual family income above the applicable Medicaid income  
5 limit and less than or equal to four (4) times the federal poverty level shall be eligible to purchase  
6 health insurance coverage through one of the Medicaid managed care plans. The program shall be  
7 jointly administered by the executive office of health and human services and HealthSource RI and  
8 shall ensure clear and transparent procedures that include:

9 (1) An expedited process to determine eligibility to allow for timely enrollment;

10 (2) Ease of payment; and

11 (3) Prompt transfer from the healthy pregnancy program to other available health insurance  
12 options upon birth of the baby.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would allow pregnant women with an annual family income above the applicable  
2 Medicaid income limit to be eligible to purchase health insurance through one of the Medicaid  
3 managed care plans.

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

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