

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for certified professional midwifery
2 services.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) As used in this section, "certified professional midwifery services" and "licensed
7 certified professional midwife" have the same meaning as in KRS 314.400.

8 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department for
9 Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with whom the
10 department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services shall provide coverage
11 for certified professional midwifery services that are provided by a licensed
12 certified professional midwife.

13 (3) Coverage required by this section shall not be subject to:

14 (a) Cost-sharing requirements; or

15 (b) Utilization management requirements, including prior authorization.

16 (4) The Department for Medicaid Services may promulgate any administrative
17 regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A necessary to implement the
18 provisions of this section.

19 ➔Section 2. If the Department for Medicaid Services or the Cabinet for Health
20 and Family Services determines that a state plan amendment, waiver, or any other form
21 of authorization or approval from any federal agency is necessary prior to implementation
22 of Section 1 of this Act for any reason, including the loss of federal funds, the department
23 or cabinet shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this Act, request any necessary
24 state plan amendment, waiver, authorization, or approval, and may only delay full
25 implementation of those provisions for which a state plan amendment, waiver,
26 authorization, or approval was deemed necessary until the state plan amendment, waiver,
27 authorization, or approval is granted or approved.

1 ➔Section 3. The Department for Medicaid Services or the Cabinet for Health and
2 Family Services shall, in accordance with KRS 205.525, provide a copy of any state plan
3 amendment, waiver application, or other request for authorization or approval submitted
4 pursuant to Section 2 of this Act to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to
5 the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services and the Interim Joint Committee on
6 Appropriations and Revenue and shall provide an update on the status of any application
7 or request submitted pursuant to Section 2 of this Act at the request of the Legislative
8 Research Commission or any committee thereof.