

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~postpartum depression; treatment; insurers~~
~~(now: postpartum depression; education materials)~~
(now: postpartum health; education; advisory committee)

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CHAPTER 201

HOUSE BILL 2332

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-503.04; RELATING TO POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-503.04, to read:

4 36-503.04. Maternal mental health conditions; educational
5 materials and information; distribution;
6 definitions

7 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY AND COMPILE RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL
8 MATERIALS AND INFORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND PATIENTS
9 REGARDING MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, INCLUDING POSTPARTUM
10 DEPRESSION, THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN
11 MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. THE MATERIALS SHALL INCLUDE
12 INFORMATION ON THE SYMPTOMS AND METHODS OF COPING WITH POSTPARTUM
13 DEPRESSION, AS WELL AS TREATMENT OPTIONS AND RESOURCES. IF THE DEPARTMENT
14 IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY EXISTING MATERIALS THAT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
15 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP WRITTEN EDUCATIONAL
16 MATERIALS AND INFORMATION, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RELEVANT CLINICAL
17 PRACTICE GUIDELINES, PEER-REVIEWED STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
18 EXPERTS IN MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE
19 CONTROL AND PREVENTION, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND PATIENT ADVOCACY
20 GROUPS.

21 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE MATERIALS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED
22 BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE. THE DEPARTMENT
23 SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE OR DISTRIBUTE THE MATERIALS AND INFORMATION IN
24 PHYSICAL FORM ON REQUEST.

25 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE MATERIALS AND
26 INFORMATION TO DETERMINE THEIR ACCURACY AND ENSURE THAT THEY REFLECT THE
27 MOST UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION.

28 D. A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE EACH DEPARTING NEW
29 PARENT AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH WRITTEN MATERIALS
30 AND INFORMATION COMPILED OR DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS
31 SECTION ON THE NEW PARENT'S DISCHARGE FROM THE HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION.

32 E. EACH HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION, PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN AND PRIMARY
33 CARE PRACTITIONER, OR ANY OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO RENDERS PRENATAL
34 OR POSTNATAL CARE OR WHO PROVIDES PEDIATRIC INFANT CARE, SHALL PROVIDE THE
35 MATERIALS AND INFORMATION COMPILED OR DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A
36 OF THIS SECTION TO ANY WOMAN ON LEARNING OF A PREGNANCY OR WHO PRESENTS
37 WITH SIGNS OF A MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER AT ANY TIME DURING A
38 PREGNANCY OR POSTPARTUM PERIOD.

39 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

40 1. "HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
41 SECTION 36-401.

42 2. "PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN" AND "PRIMARY CARE PRACTITIONER" HAVE
43 THE SAME MEANINGS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-2901.

1 Sec. 2. Department of health services; advisory committee on
2 obstetrics, gynecology and maternal mental health
3 in rural communities; membership; report; delayed
4 repeal

5 A. The department of health services shall establish an advisory
6 committee on obstetrics, gynecology and maternal mental health in rural
7 communities to develop recommendations to ensure the availability of
8 obstetrics, gynecology and maternal mental health services in low-volume,
9 high-risk rural communities.

10 B. The director of the department of health services shall appoint
11 the following members to the advisory committee:

12 1. One member who is a representative of a statewide association of
13 hospitals that convenes an alliance for innovation on maternal health.

14 2. One member who is a representative from a critical access
15 hospital that offers maternity care services, including labor and
16 delivery.

17 3. One member who is a representative from a critical access
18 hospital that does not offer maternity care services.

19 4. One member who is a representative from a hospital system in a
20 county with a population of less than one million five hundred thousand
21 persons that delivered more than ten percent of the infants born in this
22 state in 2024.

23 5. Six health professionals whose current health care practice
24 includes maternity care services in rural communities as follows:

25 (a) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
26 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who specializes in obstetrics and
27 gynecology.

28 (b) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
29 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology
30 and whose practice includes maternity care for patients who are
31 transported from one or more rural communities.

32 (c) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
33 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who specializes in family medicine.

34 (d) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
35 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who specializes in emergency medicine.

36 (e) A certified nurse midwife who is licensed pursuant to title 32,
37 chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes.

38 (f) A doula who is certified pursuant to title 36, chapter 6,
39 article 7.2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

40 6. One member who is a representative from a federally qualified
41 community health center that administers a rural maternity and obstetrics
42 management strategies program.

43 7. One member who is a representative from an Indian health service
44 facility or a tribal 638 facility that offers maternity care services,
45 including labor and delivery.

1 8. One member who is a representative from an Indian health service
2 facility or a tribal 638 facility that does not offer maternity care
3 services.

4 9. Two members who are representatives of different health care
5 insurers that are licensed pursuant to title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes,
6 and that offer insurance products that include coverage for obstetrics,
7 gynecology and maternal mental health services.

8 10. One member who is a representative from an emergency air
9 ambulance provider that serves a rural community.

10 11. One member who is a representative of the statewide perinatal
11 psychiatry access line.

12 C. The directors of the Arizona health care cost containment
13 system, the department of health services and the department of insurance
14 and financial institutions, or the directors' designees, shall serve as
15 nonvoting members of the advisory committee.

16 D. Advisory committee members are not eligible to receive
17 compensation or the reimbursement of expenses.

18 E. The advisory committee shall:

19 1. Develop recommendations to enhance and preserve the delivery and
20 access of preconception, prenatal, pregnancy, labor and delivery, maternal
21 mental health and postpartum care services in rural hospitals and rural
22 communities.

23 2. Develop recommendations to enhance the delivery of and access to
24 evidenced-based postpartum depression screening and referrals for
25 treatments, including recommendations that consider public and private
26 insurance coverage, provider reimbursement incentives and pharmacological
27 treatment options.

28 3. Submit a written report of its findings on or before December
29 31, 2026, to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of
30 the house of representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to
31 the secretary of state.

32 F. The committee may hold hearings and take testimony from
33 stakeholders and affected persons, including members of the public.

34 G. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2027.

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