

POSTPARTUM CARE IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE HEALTH OF WYOMING MOTHERS AND BABIES.

NEW MOTHERS LOSE COVERAGE TOO SOON AFTER BIRTH

Under current Medicaid guidelines, pregnant women in Wyoming are only eligible for Medicaid for up to 60 days after the birth of their child before they must meet different requirements.¹

This bill does not cover a new demographic.

Eligibility requirements are the same-- meaning this bill extends coverage from 60 days to 12 full months for pregnant and new mothers who earn less than 154% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).

These women do not have access to attainable, comprehensive insurance outside of this program.

- Most low-income Moms work in industries that don't provide health insurance, like retail, day care or food service or they work part-time.⁸
- 1/3 of moms are unmarried when they give birth and likely don't have access to a partner's health insurance plan.⁹

DETRIMENTAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS

Pregnancy-related disorders disrupt the lives of mothers, their children, and the economy.

Untreated health conditions, substance use disorders, mental illnesses, and expensive emergency room visits delay mothers in returning to work. Extending Medicaid coverage could alleviate financial stress from healthcare bills on new mothers and economic losses from mothers not returning to work or decreasing in overall productivity.⁶

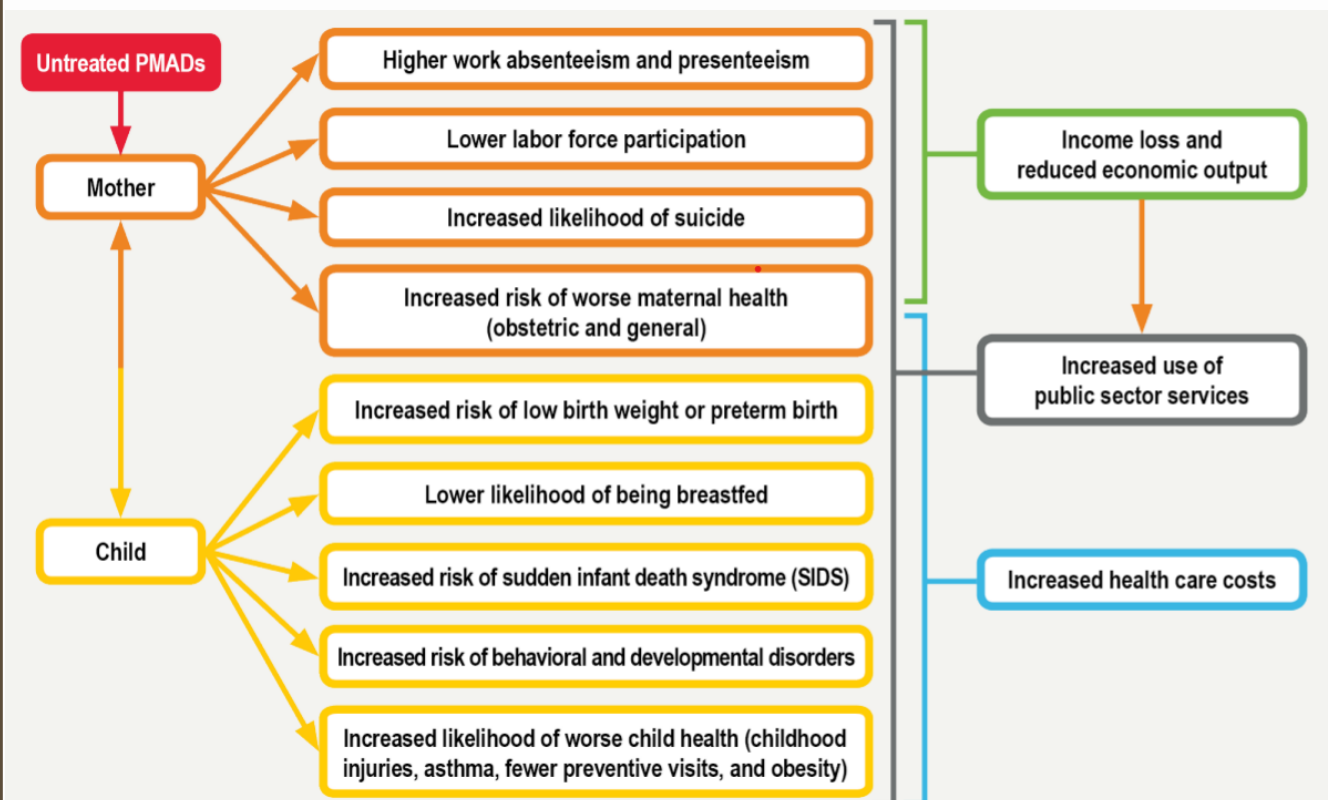
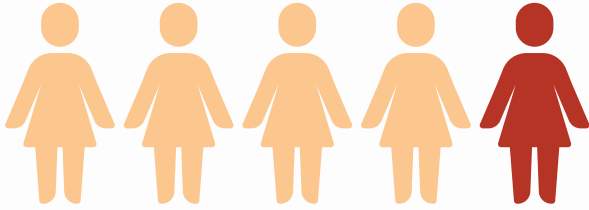


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WOMEN NEED CONTINUOUS POSTNATAL CARE FOR 12 MONTHS

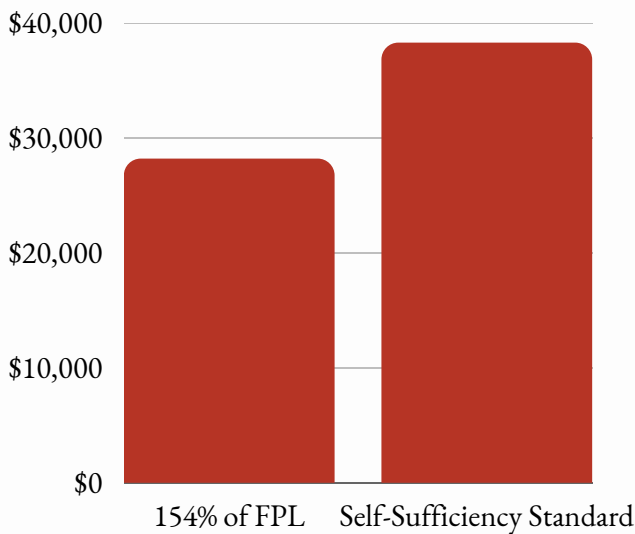
The CDC recommends high quality postpartum care for one year after the birth of a child.⁴



According to the Wyoming Department of Health, around 1 in 5 (18%) of new moms lose insurance completely 3 months after birth.²

WHAT DOES 154% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL LOOK LIKE?

A mother making a very low income will forego the health insurance expense for themselves to be able to provide for their family.



To be self-sufficient (or earn enough money to make ends meet, including being able to afford healthcare), a mother with an infant must make \$38,292 in Albany County, Wyoming.³

To qualify for the WY Medicaid Pregnant Women program, a family of two must earn at or under \$28,200 annually.⁵

Healthy moms raise healthier babies.⁷

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB4 FOR WOMEN AND BABIES' HEALTH AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING.

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