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Maternal & Infant Health in the Digital World:

Patient-Centered Care During COVID and Beyond

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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Maternal & Child Health Advocacy Training



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Case Study: 2020 Georgia Legislative Session



2020 HMHBGA Legislative Agenda



- Postpartum Medicaid extension to a year postpartum
- Workplace accommodations and protections
- Rural perinatal access to support and services
- Smoking and tobacco legislation
 - Increase to the State tobacco product excise tax
 - Equity tax on e-cigarette and tobacco alternative products which would bring them on par with tobacco products
 - Increase in the minimum age of tobacco purchase to 21
- Adequate funding for the Maternal Child Health Section

Context of 2020 Session

- BUDGET CUTS!!!!
 - Prior to session: 10% state agency cut
 - COVID-19: 11% state agency cut
- Election Year
- End of Biennial Session
- COVID-19
 - Suspension of session
 - Limited in-person advocacy



Advocates Showed Up!



What Passed

- **HB 1114: Pregnancy Medicaid Coverage to Six Months Postpartum**
(Sharon Cooper, R-Marietta) Allows the Department of Community Health to apply for an 1115 Waiver to extend Pregnancy Medicaid to six months after delivery.
- **HB 1090: Workplace Break Time to Express Breast Milk**
(Silcox, R-Sandy Springs) Requires employers to provide reasonable break time to an employee who needs breast milk for their nursing child.
- **SB 408: Family Care Act Sunset Removal**
(Strickland, R-McDonough) Extends the sunset date of the Family Care Act, which allows employees use of sick leave for care of immediate family members, to 2023. Also, updated to include provisions and benefits to the unemployment insurance program.
- **SB 375: Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Relating to Minors**
(Mullis, R-Chickamauga) Adds a 7% tax on vaping products and provide penalties for the sale and distribution of vaping and nicotine products for people under the age of 21.

What Passed

- **HB 993: Vital Records Relating to Child Abuse Reports**
(Katie Dempsey, R-Rome) Provides vital records reports to the Division of Family and Children Services for cases involving child abuse or neglect. Vital records could include birth, death, and father registry data.
- **SB 372: Public Health Updates**
(Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia) Would modernize, clarify, and update provisions relating to public health. For example, updating terminology related to sexually transmitted diseases and create an Office of Women's Health.
- **SR 520: Senate Study Committee on Midwifery Practices**
(Lester Jackson, D-Savannah) Would create a study committee to assess regulation of community midwives.

What Did Not Pass

- **HB 882: Tobacco Tax Increase**
(Houston, R-Nashville) Would raise the tobacco tax from 37 cents to \$1.35 per pack.
- **HB 1094: Paid Parental Leave for State Employees**
(Gaines, R-Athens) Would provide three weeks of paid parental leave for state employees. Leave would be provided for the birth of a child, or foster placement of a child.
- **SB 327: Workplace Break Time to Express Breast Milk**
(Zahra Karinshak, D-Duluth) Would require employers to provide reasonable break time to an employee who needs to express breast milk for her nursing child.

What Did Not Pass

- **HB 719: Modernization of HIV Laws**
(Deborah Silcox, R-Sandy Springs) Would update the current crimes and offenses statutes related to HIV transmission. Specifically decriminalizes the unintentional transmission of HIV.
- **HB 881: Safe Place for Newborns Act**
(Sharon Cooper, R-Marietta) Would implement newborn safety incubators where mothers can place their newborns to prevent injury or death related to abandonment.
- **HB 958: The Maternity Supportive Housing Act**
(Ed Setzler, R-Acworth) Would provide maternity supportive housing for pregnant and postpartum women up to 18 months after delivery.
- **SB 307: The Living Hope Home Act**
(Renee Unterman, R-Buford) Would provide supportive housing for pregnant and postpartum women up to 18 months after delivery.

What Did Not Pass

- **HB 1054: Newborn Screening for Various Disorders**
(Sharon Cooper, R-Marietta) Would revise provisions related to newborn screening for various disorders. Would also create a Newborn Screening and Genetics Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations for newly added disorders.
- **HB 1251: Georgia Licensed Midwife Act**
(Karen Mathiak, R-Griffin) Would provide licensure and regulation of midwives and create the Advisory Group for Licensed Midwives. Would also provide exceptions to the operation of “Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act” to allow for the practice of midwifery.

What Did Not Pass

- **HR 1168: House Study Committee on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**
(Sam Park, D-Lawrenceville) Would create a study committee to assess the affects of ACEs to improve maternal and child health.
- **HR 1248: House Study Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans**
(Jasmine Clark, D-Lilburn) Would create a study committee to assess mortality among African American infants and mothers.
- **HR 1478: Parity for Breast Pump Supplies**
(Karla Drenner, D-Avondale Estates) Would support parity for breast pump collection and storage supplies.

Budget

- Joint Budget Conference Committee finalized state budget
- \$19.7 million for postpartum Medicaid extension to six months
- \$2 million for Maternal Mortality Prevention
- \$1.05 million for Maternal Mental Health Program
- \$500,000 for Morehouse School of Medicine Center for Maternal Health Equity
- \$60,000 restored for HMHBGA Information & Referral Services

Big Wins!

- Hectic session due to COVID-19 and budget cuts
- Passed legislation
 - Pregnancy Medicaid coverage extended to six months after delivery
 - Break time for breastfeeding employees
 - Extension of Family Care Act to 2023
 - Vaping products being taxed at 7%, generating an estimated \$50 million in new revenue
- \$3.61 million for maternal health initiatives kept in the budget
- \$19.7 million allocated for postpartum Medicaid extension
- Next Steps
 - Monitoring budget in relation to COVID-19
 - Preparing for the 2021 session



What to Expect in 2021

- BUDGET BUDGET BUDGET!!!
- Legislative Black Caucus
- Freshman legislators



Expected Georgia Freshman Legislators

SENATE Candidate/Party	Name of Previous Representative/Senator	District Location	Party Affiliation of Incoming
Russ Goodman (R)	Ellis Black	Valdosta	Republican
Max Burns (R)	Jesse Stone	Augusta	Republican
Kim Jackson (D)	Steve Henson	Stone Mountain	Democrat
Michelle Au (D)	Zhara Karinshak	Duluth	Democrat
Sheila McNeill (R)	Bill Ligon	Brunswick	Republican
Billy Hickman (R)	Jack Hill	Reidsville	Republican
Jason Anivitarte (R)	Bill Heath	Rome	Republican
Bo Hatchett (R)	John Wilkerson	Toccoa	Republican
Linda Pritchett	Nikema Williams	Atlanta	Democrat

New Incoming Rep/Senator	Name of Previous Representative/Senator	District Location	Party Affiliation of Incoming
Meisha Mainor (D)	Able Mable	Atlanta	Democrat
Ronda Taylor (D)	Vernon Jones	DeKalb	Democrat
Robert Pruitt (R)	Jimmy Pruitt	Eastman	Republican
Victor Anderson (R)	Terry Rogers	Athens	Republican
Stacey Evans (D)	Pat Gardner	Atlanta	Democrat
Yasmin Neal (D)	Valencia Stovall	Clayton	Democrat
Marvin Lim (D)	Brenda Lopez	Norcross	Democrat
Sharon Henderson (D)	Pam Dickerson	Conyers	Democrat
Buddy DeLoach (R)	Jeff Jones	Brunswick	Republican
Mandisha Thomas (D)	Sharon Beasley-Teague	Red Oak	Democrat
Zulma Lopez (D)	Michelle Henson	Duluth	Democrat
Steve Townsend (R)	Matt Gurtler	Tiger	Republican
Lauren McDonald (R)	Marc Morris	Cumming	Republican
Beth Camp (R)	Ken Pullin	Zebulon	Republican
Mike Cameron (R)	Colton Moore	Trenton	Republican
Will Wade (R)	Kevin Tanner	Dawsonville	Republican
Tyler Paul Smith (R)	Kevin Cooke	Carrollton	Republican
Charlice Byrd (R)	Michael Caldwell	Cherokee	Republican
Brad Thomas (R)	Scot Turner	Holly Springs	Republican
Rob Leverett (R)	Tom McCall	Elberton	Republican
Derek Mallow (D)	Craig Gordon	Savannah	Democrat

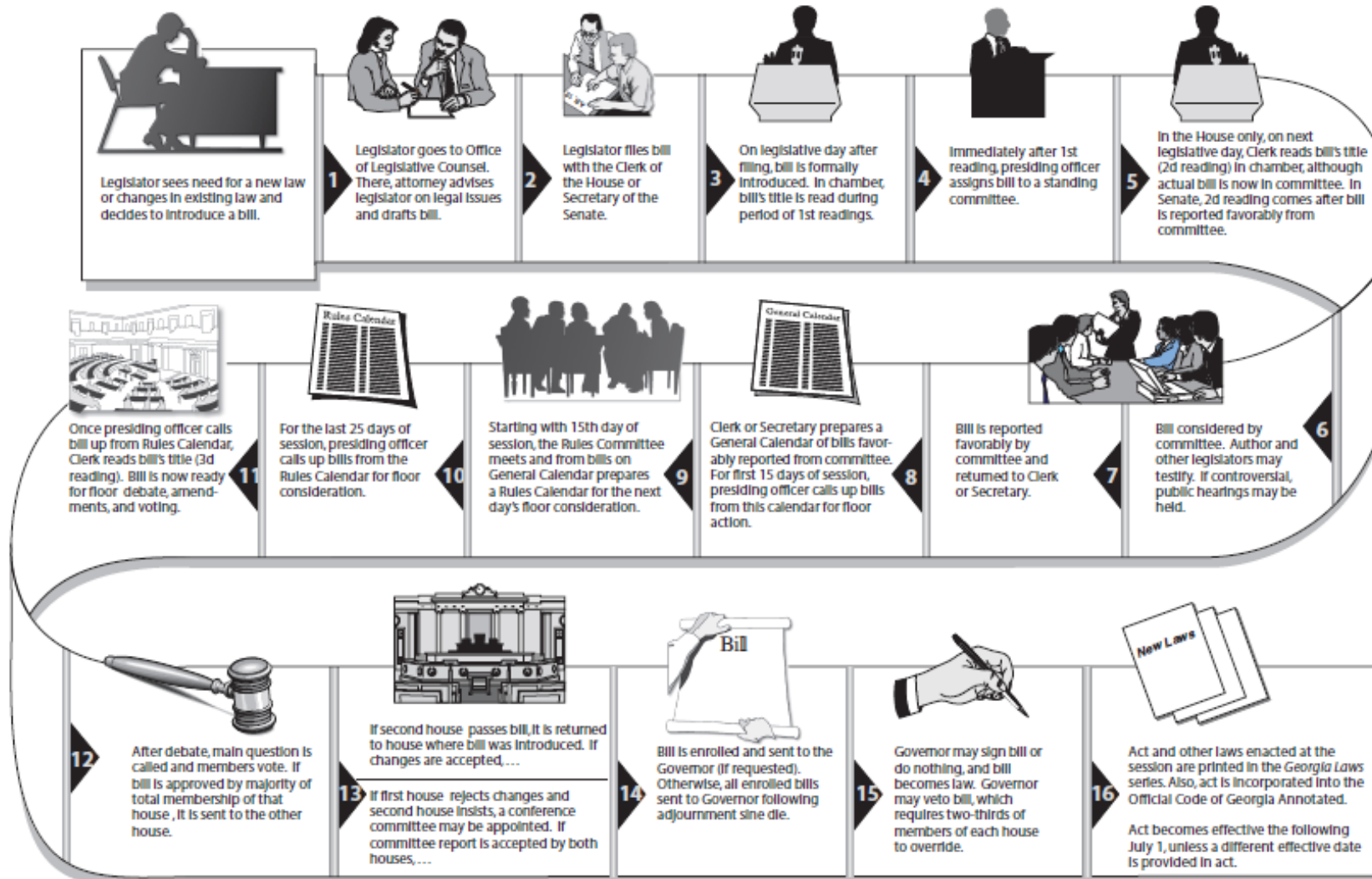
HMHBGA 2021 Priorities



- Protect maternal and infant health funds
- Extending Postpartum Medicaid Coverage for additional 6 Months (12 months total)
- Workplace Accommodations for Pregnant and Postpartum Women
- Tobacco tax increase

Georgia Legislative Process

How a Bill Is Passed in the Georgia Legislature



Tracking Legislation

Calendars

- House Calendars
- Senate Calendars

Composites

- House Daily
- Senate Daily
- Senate Privileged Resolutions

Legislation

- Advanced Search
- House First Readers
- Senate First Readers
- House Profiles
- Senate Profiles
- Signed by Governor
- Georgia Code
- General Statutes Summary

2019-2020 Regular Session - HB 1114
Medical assistance; Medicaid coverage for lactation care and services and postpartum care; provide

Sponsored By

(1) Cooper, Sharon 43rd	(2) Jones, Jan 47th	(3) England, Terry 116th
(4) Burns, Jon 159th	(5) Dempsey, Katie 13th	(6) Parrish, Butch 158th

Sponsored In Senate By

Kirkpatrick, Kay 32nd

Committees

HC: Health & Human Services SC: Health and Human Services

First Reader Summary

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for Medicaid coverage for lactation care and services and postpartum care; to provide for submission of a state plan amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Sponsors

Bill Summary

Status History

- Jun/29/2020 - House Sent to Governor
- Jun/24/2020 - House Agreed Senate Amend or Sub
- Jun/22/2020 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
- Jun/22/2020 - Senate Third Read
- Jun/22/2020 - Senate Taken from Table
- Jun/20/2020 - Senate Tabled
- Jun/20/2020 - Senate Third Read
- Jun/19/2020 - Senate Read Second Time
- Jun/18/2020 - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute
- Mar/12/2020 - Senate Read and Referred
- Mar/10/2020 - House Passed/Adopted
- Mar/10/2020 - House Third Readers
- Mar/09/2020 - House Committee Favorably Reported
- Mar/09/2020 - House Second Readers
- Mar/05/2020 - House First Readers
- Mar/05/2020 - House Hopper

Track Record

Voting Count

Footnotes

03/10/2020 Modified Structured Rule; 06/20/2020 Tabled in Senate; 06/22/2020 Taken from table in Senate

Votes

Jun/24/2020 - House Vote #726	Yea(144)	Nay(0)	NV(3)	Exc(33)
Jun/22/2020 - Senate Vote #693	Yea(48)	Nay(0)	NV(3)	Exc(5)
Jun/20/2020 - Senate Vote #671	Yea(25)	Nay(17)	NV(6)	Exc(8)
Mar/10/2020 - House Vote #556	Yea(162)	Nay(1)	NV(3)	Exc(14)

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