



Senate Human Services Committee

SB 2181

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Chair Lee and Committee Members, I am Courtney Koebele, executive director of the North Dakota Medical Association. The North Dakota Medical Association is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents, and medical students.

The North Dakota Medical Association supports providing Medicaid Coverage 12 months post-partum.

Studies have shown that Medicaid coverage for 12 months post-partum is beneficial to the mother's health.

- Maternal mortality includes not only deaths within a pregnancy, but deaths up to 365 days postpartum.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) estimate that approximately 29% of pregnancy-related deaths occur between 43 and 365 days postpartum.
- Many pregnancy-related complications require management beyond 60 days postpartum.

NDMA urges a DO PASS on SB 2181.