

1 AN ACT relating to postpartum depression care.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall, in cooperation with maternal*  
6 *health and mental health professional societies:*

7 *(a) Develop written information on postpartum depression and make it*  
8 *available on its website for access by birthing centers, hospitals that provide*  
9 *labor and delivery services, and the public;*

10 *(b) Provide access on its website to one (1) or more evidence-based clinical*  
11 *assessment tools designed to detect the symptoms of postpartum depression*  
12 *or other pregnancy-related mental health disorders for use by health care*  
13 *providers providing postnatal care and health care providers providing*  
14 *pediatric infant care;*

15 *(c) Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter*  
16 *13A for all birthing centers and hospitals that provide labor and delivery*  
17 *services to ensure that all such facilities:*

18 *1. Follow evidence-based guidelines for screening for postpartum*  
19 *depression or other pregnancy-related mental health disorders; and*

20 *2. Provide appropriate evidence-based treatment for postpartum*  
21 *depression or other pregnancy-related mental health disorders, or*  
22 *have an appropriate referral plan to make such treatment available to*  
23 *patients for whom it is indicated; and*

24 *(d) Periodically review and update any administrative regulations related to*  
25 *screening for, and the treatment of, postpartum depression or other*  
26 *pregnancy-related mental health disorders, at an interval of no less than*  
27 *once every twenty-four (24) months.*

- 1 (2) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall develop and implement a  
2 collaborative program incorporating health care facilities that provide obstetrical  
3 and newborn care, individual health care providers, and other stakeholders for  
4 the purposes of:  
5 (a) Improving the quality of prevention and treatment of postpartum depression  
6 and other pregnancy-related mental health disorders; and  
7 (b) Promoting the implementation of evidence-based bundles of care to improve  
8 patient safety.  
9 (3) The requirements of subsection (2) of this section may be met by incorporating  
10 the requirements into other programs administered by the Cabinet for Health and  
11 Family Services that are intended to improve maternal health care quality and  
12 safety.