

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for certified professional midwifery
2 services.

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

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) As used in this section, "certified professional midwifery services" and "licensed*
7 *certified professional midwife" have the same meaning as in KRS 314.400.*

8 *(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department for*
9 *Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with whom the*
10 *department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services shall provide coverage*
11 *for certified professional midwifery services that are provided by a licensed*
12 *certified professional midwife.*

13 *(3) Coverage required by this section shall not be subject to:*

14 *(a) Cost-sharing requirements; or*

15 *(b) Utilization management requirements, including prior authorization.*

16 *(4) The Department for Medicaid Services may promulgate any administrative*
17 *regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A necessary to carry out this section.*

18 ➔Section 2. If the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for
19 Medicaid Services determines that a state plan amendment, waiver, or any other form of
20 approval or authorization from a federal agency is necessary prior to the implementation
21 of Section 1 of this Act, the cabinet or department shall, within 90 days after the effective
22 date of this Act, request the state plan amendment, waiver, approval, or authorization and
23 shall only delay full implementation of those provisions for which a state plan
24 amendment, waiver, approval, or authorization was deemed necessary until the state plan
25 amendment, waiver, approval, or authorization is granted. The cabinet shall, in
26 accordance with KRS 205.525, provide a copy of any state plan amendment, waiver, or
27 other approval or authorization submitted pursuant to this section to the Interim Joint

- 1 Committee on Health Services and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and
- 2 Revenue and shall provide an update on the status or any application submitted pursuant
- 3 to this section upon request.