

**TOP HEALTH
BUDGET ITEMS & BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Please support the following Items in the Governor's Budget

Item 313.XXX - eliminates the 40 Quarter Rule - a Medicaid eligibility restriction that adversely affects qualified legal immigrants (e.g. Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs), Green Card Holders) who have already lawfully resided in the U.S. for more than five years. Only 5 other states impose a extra, 40 quarter (10 year) work history requirement.

Item 313.AAAA – Extends postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months.

Item 313.BBBB – Medicaid funding for voluntary home visiting services.

Please support the following proposed Budget Amendments

Item 312 #1s (Ebbin) – Extends prenatal care regardless of the expectant mother's immigration status to improve maternal health and birth outcomes.

Item 313 #18s (Barker) – Adds comprehensive dental benefits for Medicaid adults.

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