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**Representative Kamia Brown Issues Statement on  
Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Extension**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Kamia Brown (D-Ocoee) and Speaker Chris Spowls (R-Palm Harbor)** have announced that postpartum Medicaid coverage will be extended from 60 days to a full 12 months under a Medicaid Conforming Bill. A long time champion of maternal and infant health care and health equity, **Representative Brown** had the following to say:

“This 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage extension is critical for mothers, going leaps and bounds beyond what was offered in the past. This will help make certain that we are insuring and protecting mothers and babies when they need it most.”

Currently, Medicaid is the health insurer for 45 percent of births in the U.S. with 66 percent of all births to Black mothers, who are 3-4 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related issues. More than half of these maternal deaths occur after the 60-day coverage period has ended.

This legislative session, **Representative Brown** has filed three bills to address these issues on maternal and infant health: **[HB 645](#)** Postpartum Medicaid Coverage, **[HB 1381](#)** Maternal Health Outcomes, and **[HB 1383](#)** Maternal Healthcare Services. All are aimed at improving maternal and infant health outcomes, addressing issues such as health disparities, high maternal and morbidity rates amongst Black and indigenous mothers, and access to perinatal care for underserved populations.

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