SB420 POLICY SNAPSHOT

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Senate Bill 420 (SB420) aims to establish a public option choice for Nevadans. SB420 contains a few provisions which have appeared in other bills introduced during the 81st Legislative Session (2021) and have been championed by Children’s Advocacy Alliance. Below is a snapshot of these bills and how SB420 incorporates them.

**AB189**
This bill focuses on expanding access to Medicaid eligibility and coverage for pregnant people. This bill does four things:
- Expands eligibility from 165% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 200%;
- Includes presumptive eligibility for pregnant people;
- Expands coverage to lawfully residing pregnant people by removing the 5 year wait requirement; and
- Extends coverage post-delivery from 60 days to 12-months.

**SB420: PARTIALLY INCLUDED.** Both bills expand Medicaid coverage to pregnant people at or below 200% FPL, include presumptive eligibility, and remove the 5 year wait requirement for lawfully residing pregnant people; however, SB420 does not extend Medicaid coverage to 12-months post delivery.

**AB191**
This bill would allow for Community Health Workers (CHWs) to be covered under Medicaid plans. CHWs are culturally competent, non-clinical professionals who connect people to needed resources to minimize their barriers to accessing healthcare.

**SB420: YES**

**AB256**
This bill would allow for doulas to be covered under Medicaid plans. Doulas provide culturally competent reproductive care and commonly assist birthing people before, during, and after pregnancy.

**SB420: YES**