

Comments and Responses on ARC 7930B
Removing Limits on Medicaid Coverage of Newborn Children
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The following provided written comments, which are included in the summary below:

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COMMENT: As a citizen, a grandmother of an infant currently covered by Iowa Medicaid, and a member of a team that serves low income infants, I wish to express my personal appreciation of this change. Providing this guaranteed coverage for an infant's first year is not only the right thing to do as a civilized community, but I believe will prove cost effective over time. It is well known that preventative medicine saves money, but this change will also allow new mothers (and fathers) to take the best paying job they can find regardless of whether the company provides medical insurance for the family. They will not be 'trapped' by the medical coverage conundrum for their infant child. This can further mean that families will not need cash assistance and therefore have a cost saving benefit to the state. (Powell)

RESPONSE: The Department appreciates this support.