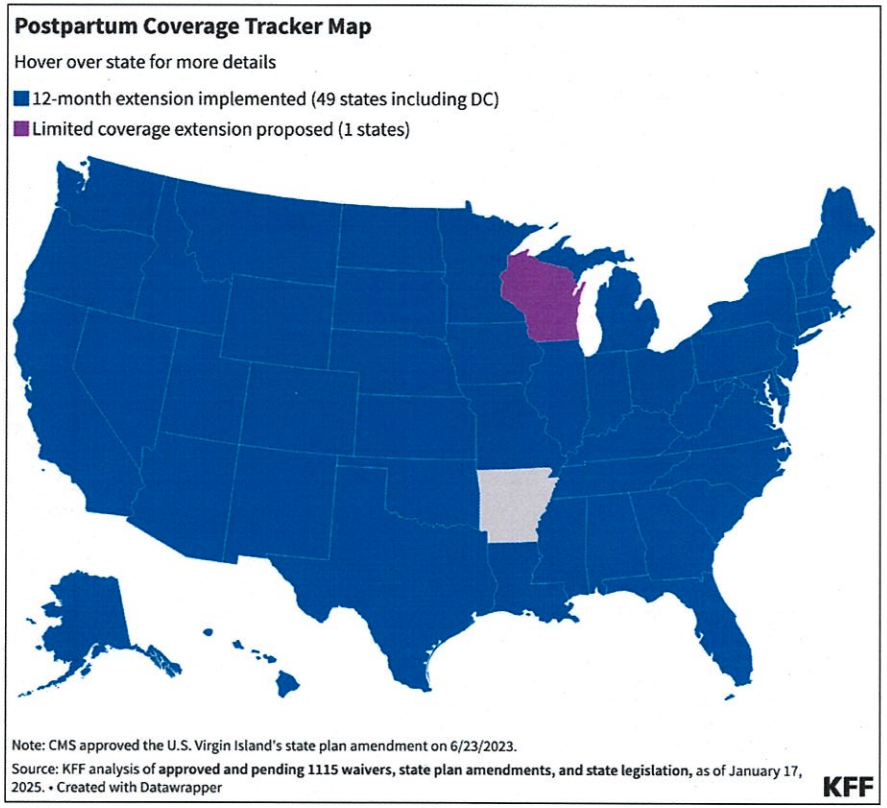
Medicaid 12-Month Postpartum Coverage

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Background

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 12-month Postpartum Continuous Coverage Option Became Available to States in 2023.
- Previously, NH provided 60 days of postpartum coverage.
- The General Court enacted legislation requiring it in HB2 of 2024-2025 Budget.
  - *The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit, no later than August 15, 2023, a Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish and implement 12 months of continuous coverage for the entire postpartum period.*
- New Hampshire's State Plan Amendment was approved 11/3/2023.
- As of January 2025, 48 states have implemented a 12-month postpartum coverage.



Emerging Data for Continuously Enrolled Postpartum Women

- Expanded 12-month continuous postpartum coverage began October 2023.
- Initial data focuses on women who delivered in August-October of 2023.
- The data below represent claims during the period of expansion starting on the 61st day after delivery. Due to the timing of claims runout and data availability, these data are preliminary.
  - ➢95% Received medical services
  - ➢52.4% received mental health or SUD services
  - ➢26.7% received preventative visits
  - ➢3.2% received heart or hypertension services