

**Testimony**  
**Engrossed Senate Bill 2081 – Department of Human Services**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
**Representative Weisz, Chairman**  
**March 6, 2013**

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of the Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here in support of Engrossed Senate Bill 2081, which was introduced at the request of the Department of Human Services.

The Department initiated this bill after learning of a couple of instances where women who became pregnant for the purpose of bearing a child for another person, or couple, were applying for Medicaid to cover the cost of the pregnancy and delivery. Senate Bill 2081, as introduced, would have prohibited the Department from making payment under the medical assistance chapter, for pregnancy-related services provided to a woman who becomes pregnant for the purpose of bearing a child for another person or couple.

The Senate adopted amendments that ensure that health care coverage is provided to the surrogate mother or gestational carrier by clarifying

that coverage for pregnancy-related services, including labor and delivery, is the responsibility of the intended parents.

Medicaid funding is critical for payment of medically necessary health care services for low-income and disabled individuals. The Department believes the pregnancy-related costs of a woman who agrees to become pregnant to bear a child for another person, or couple, are the responsibility of the intended parents and should not be the responsibility of a program that is designed to meet health needs of low-income and disabled individuals.

The Department requests your favorable consideration of Engrossed Senate Bill 2081.

I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.