***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Post-Partum Legislation**

A wording change contained in a Missouri Senate proposal has some people concerned.

Currently, MO HealthNet benefits for women who have just had a child expire after 60 days.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says [Senate Bills 45 & 90](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44414) still has several steps to take…

 **Rowden :05 Q: they see fit.**

At issue is an amendment to the measure, which uses the words “end of the pregnancy” in relation to extending MO HealthNet coverage to a full year.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he is not happy to see this development…

 **Rizzo :06 Q: for a year.**

Missouri senators gave Senate Bills 45 & 90 preliminary approval last week. Another “yes” vote would send this legislation to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration.

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