

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 13: Newborn Care Through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Origin: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the women veteran population will increase by 18,000 per year over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Multiple reports, including from Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), have indicated the number of women veterans seeking pregnancy care is rising; and

WHEREAS, The VA provides prenatal, preconception care, and maternity care services for women veterans; and

WHEREAS, The VA covers care to newborns for the first seven days after birth, for eligible women veterans who are receiving VA maternity care; and

WHEREAS, The VA covers the cost of transferring a newborn to another facility in cases where the newborn requires specialty care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That The American Legion urges the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), to cover the cost of specialty care for a newborn who is born to a veteran who is receiving maternity care through the VA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That VA covers the cost of care for the newborn if lifesaving care and treatment is required from a facility other than the facility where the newborn was delivered; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That VA covers the cost of care if a newborn requires lifesaving care past the VA's seven-day limit of care and treatment from a facility other than the facility where the newborn child was delivered.