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SENATE BILL NO. 1418

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-325 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; postpartum doula care; report.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-325 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-325. Board to submit plan for medical assistance services to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to federal law; administration of plan; contracts with health care providers.

A. The Board, subject to the approval of the Governor, is authorized to prepare, amend from time to time, and submit to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services a state plan for medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act and any amendments thereto. The Board shall include in such plan:

1. A provision for payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals, up to the age of 21, placed in foster homes or private institutions by private, nonprofit agencies licensed as child-placing agencies by the Department of Social Services or placed through state and local subsidized adoptions to the extent permitted under federal statute;

2. A provision for determining eligibility for benefits for medically needy individuals which disregards from countable resources an amount not in excess of \$3,500 for the individual and an amount not in excess of \$3,500 for his spouse when such resources have been set aside to meet the burial expenses of the individual or his spouse. The amount disregarded shall be reduced by (i) the face value of life insurance on the life of an individual owned by the individual or his spouse if the cash surrender value of such policies has been excluded from countable resources and (ii) the amount of any other revocable or irrevocable trust, contract, or other arrangement specifically designated for the purpose of meeting the individual's or his spouse's burial expenses;

3. A requirement that, in determining eligibility, a home shall be disregarded. For those medically needy persons whose eligibility for medical assistance is required by federal law to be dependent on the budget methodology for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, a home means the house and lot used as the principal residence and all contiguous property. For all other persons, a home shall mean the house and lot used as the principal residence, as well as all contiguous property, as long as the value of the land, exclusive of the lot occupied by the house, does not exceed \$5,000. In any case in which the definition of home as provided here is more restrictive than that provided in the state plan for medical assistance services in Virginia as it was in effect on January 1, 1972, then a home means the house and lot used as the principal residence and all contiguous property essential to the operation of the home regardless of value;

4. A provision for payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals up to the age of 21, who are Medicaid eligible, for medically necessary stays in acute care facilities in excess of 21 days per admission;

5. A provision for deducting from an institutionalized recipient's income an amount for the maintenance of the individual's spouse at home;

6. A provision for payment of medical assistance on behalf of pregnant women which provides for payment for inpatient postpartum treatment in accordance with the medical criteria outlined in the most current version of or an official update to the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care" prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or the "Standards for Obstetric-Gynecologic Services" prepared by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Payment shall be made for any postpartum home visit or visits for the mothers and the children which are within the time periods recommended by the attending physicians in accordance with and as indicated by such Guidelines or Standards. For the purposes of this subdivision, such Guidelines or Standards shall include any changes thereto within six months of the publication of such Guidelines or Standards or any official amendment thereto;

7. A provision for the payment for family planning services on behalf of women who were Medicaid-eligible for prenatal care and delivery as provided in this section at the time of delivery. Such family planning services shall begin with delivery and continue for a period of 24 months, if the woman continues to meet the financial eligibility requirements for a pregnant woman under Medicaid. For the purposes of this section, family planning services shall not cover payment for abortion services and no funds shall be used to perform, assist, encourage or make direct referrals for abortions;

8. A provision for payment of medical assistance for high-dose chemotherapy and bone marrow

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59 transplants on behalf of individuals over the age of 21 who have been diagnosed with lymphoma, breast
60 cancer, myeloma, or leukemia and have been determined by the treating health care provider to have a
61 performance status sufficient to proceed with such high-dose chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant.
62 Appeals of these cases shall be handled in accordance with the Department's expedited appeals process;

63 9. A provision identifying entities approved by the Board to receive applications and to determine
64 eligibility for medical assistance, which shall include a requirement that such entities (i) obtain accurate
65 contact information, including the best available address and telephone number, from each applicant for
66 medical assistance, to the extent required by federal law and regulations, and (ii) provide each applicant for
67 medical assistance with information about advance directives pursuant to Article 8 (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.) of
68 Chapter 29 of Title 54.1, including information about the purpose and benefits of advance directives and how
69 the applicant may make an advance directive;

70 10. A provision for breast reconstructive surgery following the medically necessary removal of a breast
71 for any medical reason. Breast reductions shall be covered, if prior authorization has been obtained, for all
72 medically necessary indications. Such procedures shall be considered noncosmetic;

73 11. A provision for payment of medical assistance for annual pap smears;

74 12. A provision for payment of medical assistance services for prostheses following the medically
75 necessary complete or partial removal of a breast for any medical reason;

76 13. A provision for payment of medical assistance which provides for payment for 48 hours of inpatient
77 treatment for a patient following a radical or modified radical mastectomy and 24 hours of inpatient care
78 following a total mastectomy or a partial mastectomy with lymph node dissection for treatment of disease or
79 trauma of the breast. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as requiring the provision of inpatient
80 coverage where the attending physician in consultation with the patient determines that a shorter period of
81 hospital stay is appropriate;

82 14. A requirement that certificates of medical necessity for durable medical equipment and any supporting
83 verifiable documentation shall be signed, dated, and returned by the physician, physician assistant, or
84 advanced practice registered nurse and in the durable medical equipment provider's possession within 60 days
85 from the time the ordered durable medical equipment and supplies are first furnished by the durable medical
86 equipment provider;

87 15. A provision for payment of medical assistance to (i) persons age 50 and over and (ii) persons age 40
88 and over who are at high risk for prostate cancer, according to the most recent published guidelines of the
89 American Cancer Society, for one PSA test in a 12-month period and digital rectal examinations, all in
90 accordance with American Cancer Society guidelines. For the purpose of this subdivision, "PSA testing"
91 means the analysis of a blood sample to determine the level of prostate specific antigen;

92 16. A provision for payment of medical assistance for low-dose screening mammograms for determining
93 the presence of occult breast cancer. Such coverage shall make available one screening mammogram to
94 persons age 35 through 39, one such mammogram biennially to persons age 40 through 49, and one such
95 mammogram annually to persons age 50 and over. The term "mammogram" means an X-ray examination of
96 the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including but not limited to the X-ray
97 tube, filter, compression device, screens, film and cassettes, with an average radiation exposure of less than
98 one rad mid-breast, two views of each breast;

99 17. A provision, when in compliance with federal law and regulation and approved by the Centers for
100 Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), for payment of medical assistance services delivered to
101 Medicaid-eligible students when such services qualify for reimbursement by the Virginia Medicaid program
102 and may be provided by school divisions, regardless of whether the student receiving care has an
103 individualized education program or whether the health care service is included in a student's individualized
104 education program. Such services shall include those covered under the state plan for medical assistance
105 services or by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit as specified in §
106 1905(r) of the federal Social Security Act, and shall include a provision for payment of medical assistance for
107 health care services provided through telemedicine services, as defined in § 38.2-3418.16. No health care
108 provider who provides health care services through telemedicine shall be required to use proprietary
109 technology or applications in order to be reimbursed for providing telemedicine services;

110 18. A provision for payment of medical assistance services for liver, heart and lung transplantation
111 procedures for individuals over the age of 21 years when (i) there is no effective alternative medical or
112 surgical therapy available with outcomes that are at least comparable; (ii) the transplant procedure and
113 application of the procedure in treatment of the specific condition have been clearly demonstrated to be
114 medically effective and not experimental or investigational; (iii) prior authorization by the Department of
115 Medical Assistance Services has been obtained; (iv) the patient selection criteria of the specific transplant
116 center where the surgery is proposed to be performed have been used by the transplant team or program to
117 determine the appropriateness of the patient for the procedure; (v) current medical therapy has failed and the
118 patient has failed to respond to appropriate therapeutic management; (vi) the patient is not in an irreversible
119 terminal state; and (vii) the transplant is likely to prolong the patient's life and restore a range of physical and

120 social functioning in the activities of daily living;

121 19. A provision for payment of medical assistance for colorectal cancer screening, specifically screening
122 with an annual fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy, or in appropriate
123 circumstances radiologic imaging, in accordance with the most recently published recommendations
124 established by the American College of Gastroenterology, in consultation with the American Cancer Society,
125 for the ages, family histories, and frequencies referenced in such recommendations;

126 20. A provision for payment of medical assistance for custom ocular prostheses;

127 21. A provision for payment for medical assistance for infant hearing screenings and all necessary
128 audiological examinations provided pursuant to § 32.1-64.1 using any technology approved by the United
129 States Food and Drug Administration, and as recommended by the national Joint Committee on Infant
130 Hearing in its most current position statement addressing early hearing detection and intervention programs.
131 Such provision shall include payment for medical assistance for follow-up audiological examinations as
132 recommended by a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or audiologist and
133 performed by a licensed audiologist to confirm the existence or absence of hearing loss;

134 22. A provision for payment of medical assistance, pursuant to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention
135 and Treatment Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-354), for certain women with breast or cervical cancer when such
136 women (i) have been screened for breast or cervical cancer under the Centers for Disease Control and
137 Prevention (CDC) Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program established under Title XV of the
138 Public Health Service Act; (ii) need treatment for breast or cervical cancer, including treatment for a
139 precancerous condition of the breast or cervix; (iii) are not otherwise covered under creditable coverage, as
140 defined in § 2701 (c) of the Public Health Service Act; (iv) are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance
141 services under any mandatory categorically needy eligibility group; and (v) have not attained age 65. This
142 provision shall include an expedited eligibility determination for such women;

143 23. A provision for the coordinated administration, including outreach, enrollment, re-enrollment and
144 services delivery, of medical assistance services provided to medically indigent children pursuant to this
145 chapter, which shall be called Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Plus and the FAMIS
146 Plan program in § 32.1-351. A single application form shall be used to determine eligibility for both
147 programs;

148 24. A provision, when authorized by and in compliance with federal law, to establish a public-private
149 long-term care partnership program between the Commonwealth of Virginia and private insurance companies
150 that shall be established through the filing of an amendment to the state plan for medical assistance services
151 by the Department of Medical Assistance Services. The purpose of the program shall be to reduce Medicaid
152 costs for long-term care by delaying or eliminating dependence on Medicaid for such services through
153 encouraging the purchase of private long-term care insurance policies that have been designated as qualified
154 state long-term care insurance partnerships and may be used as the first source of benefits for the participant's
155 long-term care. Components of the program, including the treatment of assets for Medicaid eligibility and
156 estate recovery, shall be structured in accordance with federal law and applicable federal guidelines;

157 25. A provision for the payment of medical assistance for otherwise eligible pregnant women during the
158 first five years of lawful residence in the United States, pursuant to § 214 of the Children's Health Insurance
159 Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-3);

160 26. A provision for the payment of medical assistance for medically necessary health care services
161 provided through telemedicine services, as defined in § 38.2-3418.16, regardless of the originating site or
162 whether the patient is accompanied by a health care provider at the time such services are provided. No health
163 care provider who provides health care services through telemedicine services shall be required to use
164 proprietary technology or applications in order to be reimbursed for providing telemedicine services.

165 For the purposes of this subdivision, a health care provider duly licensed by the Commonwealth who
166 provides health care services exclusively through telemedicine services shall not be required to maintain a
167 physical presence in the Commonwealth to be considered an eligible provider for enrollment as a Medicaid
168 provider.

169 For the purposes of this subdivision, a telemedicine services provider group with health care providers
170 duly licensed by the Commonwealth shall not be required to have an in-state service address to be eligible to
171 enroll as a Medicaid vendor or Medicaid provider group.

172 For the purposes of this subdivision, "originating site" means any location where the patient is located,
173 including any medical care facility or office of a health care provider, the home of the patient, the patient's
174 place of employment, or any public or private primary or secondary school or postsecondary institution of
175 higher education at which the person to whom telemedicine services are provided is located;

176 27. A provision for the payment of medical assistance for the dispensing or furnishing of up to a 12-month
177 supply of hormonal contraceptives at one time. Absent clinical contraindications, the Department shall not
178 impose any utilization controls or other forms of medical management limiting the supply of hormonal
179 contraceptives that may be dispensed or furnished to an amount less than a 12-month supply. Nothing in this
180 subdivision shall be construed to (i) require a provider to prescribe, dispense, or furnish a 12-month supply of

181 self-administered hormonal contraceptives at one time or (ii) exclude coverage for hormonal contraceptives
182 as prescribed by a prescriber, acting within his scope of practice, for reasons other than contraceptive
183 purposes. As used in this subdivision, "hormonal contraceptive" means a medication taken to prevent
184 pregnancy by means of ingestion of hormones, including medications containing estrogen or progesterone,
185 that is self-administered, requires a prescription, and is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
186 for such purpose;

187 28. A provision for payment of medical assistance for remote patient monitoring services provided via
188 telemedicine, as defined in § 38.2-3418.16, for (i) high-risk pregnant persons; (ii) medically complex infants
189 and children; (iii) transplant patients; (iv) patients who have undergone surgery, for up to three months
190 following the date of such surgery; and (v) patients with a chronic or acute health condition who have had
191 two or more hospitalizations or emergency department visits related to such health condition in the previous
192 12 months when there is evidence that the use of remote patient monitoring is likely to prevent readmission
193 of such patient to a hospital or emergency department. For the purposes of this subdivision, "remote patient
194 monitoring services" means the use of digital technologies to collect medical and other forms of health data
195 from patients in one location and electronically transmit that information securely to health care providers in
196 a different location for analysis, interpretation, and recommendations, and management of the patient.
197 "Remote patient monitoring services" includes monitoring of clinical patient data such as weight, blood
198 pressure, pulse, pulse oximetry, blood glucose, and other patient physiological data, treatment adherence
199 monitoring, and interactive videoconferencing with or without digital image upload;

200 29. A provision for the payment of medical assistance for provider-to-provider consultations that is no
201 more restrictive than, and is at least equal in amount, duration, and scope to, that available through the fee-
202 for-service program;

203 30. A provision for payment of the originating site fee to emergency medical services agencies for
204 facilitating synchronous telehealth visits with a distant site provider delivered to a Medicaid member. As used
205 in this subdivision, "originating site" means any location where the patient is located, including any medical
206 care facility or office of a health care provider, the home of the patient, the patient's place of employment, or
207 any public or private primary or secondary school or postsecondary institution of higher education at which
208 the person to whom telemedicine services are provided is located;

209 31. A provision for the payment of medical assistance for targeted case management services for
210 individuals with severe traumatic brain injury;

211 32. A provision for payment of medical assistance for the initial purchase or replacement of complex
212 rehabilitative technology manual and power wheelchair bases and related accessories, as defined by the
213 Department's durable medical equipment program policy, for patients who reside in nursing facilities. Initial
214 purchase or replacement may be contingent upon (i) determination of medical necessity; (ii) requirements in
215 accordance with regulations established through the Department's durable medical equipment program
216 policy; and (iii) exclusive use by the nursing facility resident. Recipients of medical assistance shall not be
217 required to pay any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or patient costs related to the initial purchase or
218 replacement of complex rehabilitative technology manual and power wheelchair bases and related
219 accessories; and

220 33. A provision for payment of medical assistance for remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal
221 non-stress tests. Such provision shall utilize established CPT codes for these procedures and shall apply when
222 the patient is in a residence or other off-site location from the patient's provider that provides the same
223 standard of care. The provision shall provide for reimbursement only when a provider uses digital technology
224 (i) to collect medical and other forms of health data from a patient and electronically transmit that
225 information securely to a health care provider in a different location for interpretation and recommendation;
226 (ii) that is compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C.
227 § 1320d et seq.); and (iii) that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For fetal non-stress
228 tests under CPT Code 59025, the provision shall provide for reimbursement only if such test (a) is conducted
229 with a place of service modifier for at-home monitoring and (b) uses remote monitoring solutions that are
230 approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for on-label use to monitor fetal heart rate, maternal
231 heart rate, and uterine activity; and

232 34. *A provision for payment of medical assistance for postpartum doula care. Postpartum doula care*
233 *covered under such provision shall include (i) emotional and physical support for the birthing individual and*
234 *family during the postpartum period; (ii) assistance with infant care, breastfeeding, and safe sleeping*
235 *practices; (iii) education on postpartum mental health and referrals to mental health resources as needed;*
236 *(iv) guidance on physical recovery, nutrition, and self-care for the birthing individual; (v) connection to*
237 *community resources and social support systems; and (vi) culturally appropriate and individualized care*
238 *tailored to the birthing individual's needs. Such provision shall ensure that eligible individuals receive*
239 *payment of medical assistance services for up to six postpartum doula visits during the 12 months after the*
240 *individual gives birth, with additional visits permitted if such visits are deemed medically necessary.*

241 B. In preparing the plan, the Board shall:

242 1. Work cooperatively with the State Board of Health to ensure that quality patient care is provided and

243 that the health, safety, security, rights and welfare of patients are ensured.

244 2. Initiate such cost containment or other measures as are set forth in the appropriation act.

245 3. Make, adopt, promulgate and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
246 of this chapter.

247 4. Examine, before acting on a regulation to be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations pursuant
248 to § 2.2-4007.05, the potential fiscal impact of such regulation on local boards of social services. For
249 regulations with potential fiscal impact, the Board shall share copies of the fiscal impact analysis with local
250 boards of social services prior to submission to the Registrar. The fiscal impact analysis shall include the
251 projected costs/savings to the local boards of social services to implement or comply with such regulation
252 and, where applicable, sources of potential funds to implement or comply with such regulation.

253 5. Incorporate sanctions and remedies for certified nursing facilities established by state law, in
254 accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 488.400 et seq., Enforcement of Compliance for Long-Term Care Facilities
255 With Deficiencies.

256 6. On and after July 1, 2002, require that a prescription benefit card, health insurance benefit card, or other
257 technology that complies with the requirements set forth in § 38.2-3407.4:2 be issued to each recipient of
258 medical assistance services, and shall upon any changes in the required data elements set forth in subsection
259 A of § 38.2-3407.4:2, either reissue the card or provide recipients such corrective information as may be
260 required to electronically process a prescription claim.

261 C. In order to enable the Commonwealth to continue to receive federal grants or reimbursement for
262 medical assistance or related services, the Board, subject to the approval of the Governor, may adopt,
263 regardless of any other provision of this chapter, such amendments to the state plan for medical assistance
264 services as may be necessary to conform such plan with amendments to the United States Social Security Act
265 or other relevant federal law and their implementing regulations or constructions of these laws and
266 regulations by courts of competent jurisdiction or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

267 In the event conforming amendments to the state plan for medical assistance services are adopted, the
268 Board shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of Chapter 40 of
269 Title 2.2. However, the Board shall, pursuant to the requirements of § 2.2-4002, (i) notify the Registrar of
270 Regulations that such amendment is necessary to meet the requirements of federal law or regulations or
271 because of the order of any state or federal court, or (ii) certify to the Governor that the regulations are
272 necessitated by an emergency situation. Any such amendments that are in conflict with the Code of Virginia
273 shall only remain in effect until July 1 following adjournment of the next regular session of the General
274 Assembly unless enacted into law.

275 D. The Director of Medical Assistance Services is authorized to:

276 1. Administer such state plan and receive and expend federal funds therefor in accordance with applicable
277 federal and state laws and regulations; and enter into all contracts necessary or incidental to the performance
278 of the Department's duties and the execution of its powers as provided by law.

279 2. Enter into agreements and contracts with medical care facilities, physicians, dentists and other health
280 care providers where necessary to carry out the provisions of such state plan. Any such agreement or contract
281 shall terminate upon conviction of the provider of a felony. In the event such conviction is reversed upon
282 appeal, the provider may apply to the Director of Medical Assistance Services for a new agreement or
283 contract. Such provider may also apply to the Director for reconsideration of the agreement or contract
284 termination if the conviction is not appealed, or if it is not reversed upon appeal.

285 3. Refuse to enter into or renew an agreement or contract, or elect to terminate an existing agreement or
286 contract, with any provider who has been convicted of or otherwise pled guilty to a felony, or pursuant to
287 Subparts A, B, and C of 42 C.F.R. Part 1002, and upon notice of such action to the provider as required by 42
288 C.F.R. § 1002.212.

289 4. Refuse to enter into or renew an agreement or contract, or elect to terminate an existing agreement or
290 contract, with a provider who is or has been a principal in a professional or other corporation when such
291 corporation has been convicted of or otherwise pled guilty to any violation of § 32.1-314, 32.1-315, 32.1-316,
292 or 32.1-317, or any other felony or has been excluded from participation in any federal program pursuant to
293 42 C.F.R. Part 1002.

294 5. Terminate or suspend a provider agreement with a home care organization pursuant to subsection E of §
295 32.1-162.13.

296 For the purposes of this subsection, "provider" may refer to an individual or an entity.

297 E. In any case in which a Medicaid agreement or contract is terminated or denied to a provider pursuant to
298 subsection D, the provider shall be entitled to appeal the decision pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 1002.213 and to a
299 post-determination or post-denial hearing in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et
300 seq.). All such requests shall be in writing and be received within 15 days of the date of receipt of the notice.

301 The Director may consider aggravating and mitigating factors including the nature and extent of any
302 adverse impact the agreement or contract denial or termination may have on the medical care provided to
303 Virginia Medicaid recipients. In cases in which an agreement or contract is terminated pursuant to subsection

304 D, the Director may determine the period of exclusion and may consider aggravating and mitigating factors to
305 lengthen or shorten the period of exclusion, and may reinstate the provider pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 1002.215.

306 F. When the services provided for by such plan are services which a marriage and family therapist,
307 clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, professional counselor, or clinical nurse specialist is licensed to
308 render in Virginia, the Director shall contract with any duly licensed marriage and family therapist, duly
309 licensed clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional counselor or licensed
310 clinical nurse specialist who makes application to be a provider of such services, and thereafter shall pay for
311 covered services as provided in the state plan. The Board shall promulgate regulations which reimburse
312 licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers,
313 licensed professional counselors and licensed clinical nurse specialists at rates based upon reasonable criteria,
314 including the professional credentials required for licensure.

315 G. The Board shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and
316 Human Services such amendments to the state plan for medical assistance services as may be permitted by
317 federal law to establish a program of family assistance whereby children over the age of 18 years shall make
318 reasonable contributions, as determined by regulations of the Board, toward the cost of providing medical
319 assistance under the plan to their parents.

320 H. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall:

321 1. Include in its provider networks and all of its health maintenance organization contracts a provision for
322 the payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals up to the age of 21 who have special needs and
323 who are Medicaid eligible, including individuals who have been victims of child abuse and neglect, for
324 medically necessary assessment and treatment services, when such services are delivered by a provider which
325 specializes solely in the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect, or a provider with comparable
326 expertise, as determined by the Director.

327 2. Amend the Medallion II waiver and its implementing regulations to develop and implement an
328 exception, with procedural requirements, to mandatory enrollment for certain children between birth and age
329 three certified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as eligible for services
330 pursuant to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.).

331 3. Utilize, to the extent practicable, electronic funds transfer technology for reimbursement to contractors
332 and enrolled providers for the provision of health care services under Medicaid and the Family Access to
333 Medical Insurance Security Plan established under § 32.1-351.

334 4. Require any managed care organization with which the Department enters into an agreement for the
335 provision of medical assistance services to include in any contract between the managed care organization
336 and a pharmacy benefits manager provisions prohibiting the pharmacy benefits manager or a representative of
337 the pharmacy benefits manager from conducting spread pricing with regards to the managed care
338 organization's managed care plans. For the purposes of this subdivision:

339 "Pharmacy benefits management" means the administration or management of prescription drug benefits
340 provided by a managed care organization for the benefit of covered individuals.

341 "Pharmacy benefits manager" means a person that performs pharmacy benefits management.

342 "Spread pricing" means the model of prescription drug pricing in which the pharmacy benefits manager
343 charges a managed care plan a contracted price for prescription drugs, and the contracted price for the
344 prescription drugs differs from the amount the pharmacy benefits manager directly or indirectly pays the
345 pharmacist or pharmacy for pharmacist services.

346 I. The Director is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements for services rendered to eligible
347 recipients with special needs. The Board shall promulgate regulations regarding these special needs patients,
348 to include persons with AIDS, ventilator-dependent patients, and other recipients with special needs as
349 defined by the Board.

350 J. Except as provided in subdivision A 1 of § 2.2-4345, the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement
351 Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) shall not apply to the activities of the Director authorized by subsection I of this
352 section. Agreements made pursuant to this subsection shall comply with federal law and regulation.

353 K. When the services provided for by such plan are services by a pharmacist, pharmacy technician, or
354 pharmacy intern (i) performed under the terms of a collaborative agreement as defined in § 54.1-3300 and
355 consistent with the terms of a managed care contractor provider contract or the state plan or (ii) related to
356 services and treatment in accordance with § 54.1-3303.1, the Department shall provide reimbursement for
357 such service.

358 **2. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall report annually to the Governor and the**
359 **General Assembly on the implementation and outcomes of this act. The report shall include (i) the**
360 **number of postpartum individuals who utilized doula care services; (ii) analysis of the impact of doula**
361 **care services on maternal and infant health outcomes; (iii) feedback from birthing individuals, families,**
362 **and doula service providers; and (iv) recommendations for improvement or expansion. The first report**
363 **prepared pursuant to this act shall be submitted by December 31, 2026.**