

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 136**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 3, 2026

4 *A BILL to direct the Department of Medical Assistance Services to determine the feasibility of participating*
5 *in an optional Medicaid benefit for sickle cell disease and establishing Medicaid Health Homes to*
6 *coordinate care and provide treatment for individuals with sickle cell disease; report.*

7 Patron—Reid

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9 Committee Referral Pending

10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 1. *§ 1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (the Department) shall determine the feasibility of*
12 *participating in an optional Medicaid benefit for sickle cell disease. Additionally, the Department shall*
13 *determine the feasibility of establishing Medicaid Health Homes to coordinate care for individuals with*
14 *sickle cell disease and provide comprehensive sickle cell treatment services. The Department shall report its*
15 *findings in its annual review of all medications, forms of treatment for sickle cell disease, and services for*
16 *enrollees with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease that are eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program.*
17 *The Department shall submit such annual review to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health and*
18 *Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the Joint Commission on Health*
19 *Care by November 15, 2026.*

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