

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB425-S1

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Bill Title: Department of Medical Assistance Services; remote monitoring services through pregnancy and postpartum for high-risk pregnant patients and patients with advanced maternal age; reimbursement.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to assess whether and to what extent other states provide medical assistance services coverage for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine for high-risk pregnant persons through 12 months postpartum and for pregnant persons 35 years of age or older at their estimated delivery date through 12 months postpartum. Requires a report on its findings to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health and the House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services no later than November 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: The legislation, as substituted, requires DMAS to assess medical assistance services coverage for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine and report on its findings. These efforts have a minimal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill, as substituted, requires DMAS to assess whether other states provide medical assistance services coverage for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine for high-risk pregnant persons through 12 months postpartum or pregnant persons 35 years of age or older at their estimated delivery date through 12 months postpartum. Further, the agency is required to survey the type of medical assistance services coverage provided for such persons in other states, costs associated with such coverage, best practices in providing such coverage, and any other relevant information for the General Assembly to consider regarding the expansion of medical assistance services coverage to such populations, including whether age is a consideration in defining those eligible for coverage. DMAS shall submit a report on its findings to the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health and the House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services no later than November 1, 2026. The agency can absorb these efforts within its current administrative workload.

Other: -