



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2097

PRINTER'S NO. 2973

PRIME SPONSOR: **Mayes**

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 2097 Printer's Number 2973 amends the Human Services Code to add a new section requiring the coverage of blood pressure monitors for each pregnancy in the Medical Assistance (MA) and Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Programs.

### ANALYSIS:

This legislation amends Act 21 of 1967, known as the Human Services Code, to add Section 443.15 Coverage for Blood Pressure Monitors. Both the MA and CHIP programs are required to provide medically necessary home blood pressure monitors to individuals enrolled into the programs for each pregnancy or postpartum period.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

#### MA Managed Care Program

The majority of pregnant and postpartum individuals enrolled in the MA program are in the MA managed care program. DHS contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to cover the MA services individuals are eligible to receive under the MA program. MCOs are paid a monthly rate for each individual eligible for MA and enrolled into that MCO. These MCO rates are required to be actuarially sound, and the rate covers all MA services for which that individual is eligible.

Blood pressure monitors are currently covered in the MA managed care program as durable medical equipment. Any increase in cost due to the requirement to cover medically necessary blood pressure monitors for each pregnancy or postpartum period would be paid by the MCOs, and the MCOs rates paid by DHS are inclusive of the coverage of durable medical equipment. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the MA Managed Care Program resulting from this legislation.

#### CHIP

Similar to the MA managed care program, the CHIP MCOs are paid a monthly rate for each individual eligible for the program and enrolled into that MCO. This rate covers all CHIP services for which that individual is eligible, which includes coverage for blood pressure monitors as part of the durable medical equipment benefit. Any increase in cost due to the requirement to cover medically necessary blood pressure monitors for each pregnancy or postpartum period would be paid by the MCOs, and the established MCO rates are inclusive of the coverage of durable medical equipment. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the CHIP program resulting from this legislation.

#### MA Fee-for Service Program

Assuming this legislation is enacted in May, the legislation will take effect after June 30, 2024. Therefore, there would be no fiscal impact to the commonwealth for 2023/24.

For 2024/25, the increase in cost to the MA Fee-for-Service program will depend on the number of eligible individuals that require a second or third blood pressure monitor within the current three-year benefit limitation period. This number is indeterminate at this time. Therefore, the increase in cost, as a result of this legislation, for the MA Fee-for-Service program is not able to be determined.

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