

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2097 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY MAYES, KINKEAD, PROBST, KHAN, SANCHEZ, CERRATO, SCHLOSSBERG, HANBIDGE, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, PISCIOTTANO, VENKAT, SMITH-WADE-EL, BOROWSKI, KINSEY, CEPHAS, PARKER, KENYATTA, SHUSTERMAN, ISAACSON, GIRAL, WAXMAN, ABNEY, HOWARD, KIM, KRAJEWSKI, CURRY, KAZEEM, SCOTT, D. WILLIAMS, BOYD, O'MARA, HOHENSTEIN, PIELLI, GREEN, OTTEN, SALISBURY AND FLEMING, MARCH 12, 2024

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 17, 2024

AN ACT

~~Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," in casualty insurance, providing for coverage for blood pressure monitors.~~

AMENDING THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE, EDITORIALY REVISE, AND CODIFY THE PUBLIC WELFARE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH," IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, PROVIDING FOR COVERAGE FOR BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

hereby enacts as follows:

~~Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a section to read:~~

~~Section 635.9. Coverage for Blood Pressure Monitors. (a) A~~

1 ~~government program shall provide coverage for blood pressure~~
2 ~~monitors for pregnant or postpartum enrollees for each~~
3 ~~pregnancy.~~

4 ~~(b) As used in this section:~~

5 ~~"Enrollee" means an individual entitled to receive health~~
6 ~~care services under a government program.~~

7 ~~"Government program" means a program of government sponsored~~
8 ~~or government subsidized health care coverage, including:~~

9 ~~(1) The children's health insurance program under Article~~
10 ~~XXIII A.~~

11 ~~(2) Subdivision (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,~~
12 ~~1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Human Services Code."~~

13 ~~"Postpartum" means within one year of delivery or the end of~~
14 ~~pregnancy.~~

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

16 SECTION 1. THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), KNOWN <--
17 AS THE HUMAN SERVICES CODE, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO
18 READ:

19 SECTION 443.15. COVERAGE FOR BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS.-- (A)
20 A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY
21 NECESSARY HOME BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS THAT HAVE BEEN VALIDATED
22 FOR CLINICAL ACCURACY FOR PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM ENROLLEES FOR
23 EACH PREGNANCY.

24 (B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
25 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
26 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

27 "ENROLLEE." AN INDIVIDUAL ENTITLED TO RECEIVE HEALTH CARE
28 SERVICES UNDER A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

29 "GOVERNMENT PROGRAM." A PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED OR
30 GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, INCLUDING:

1 (1) THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE
2 XXIII-A OF THE ACT OF MAY 17, 1921 (P.L.682, NO.284), KNOWN AS
3 "THE INSURANCE COMPANY LAW OF 1921."

4 (2) SUBDIVISION (F) OF ARTICLE IV.

5 "POSTPARTUM." WITHIN ONE YEAR OF DELIVERY OR THE END OF
6 PREGNANCY.

7 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.