

HOUSE BILL 1538

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By: **Delegate Woods**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program in the
5 Maryland Department of Health to support pregnant and postpartum Maryland
6 Medical Assistance Program recipients who have higher risks of pregnancy
7 complications because of maternal hypertension or maternal diabetes; and generally
8 relating to the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 15–101(a) and (h)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 15–1201 and 15–1202 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 12. Maternal
17 Health Monitoring Pilot Program”
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 15–101.

24 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(h) “Program” means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

SUBTITLE 12. MATERNAL HEALTH MONITORING PILOT PROGRAM.

15–1201.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” MEANS AN OBSTETRICIAN OR MATERNAL–FETAL MEDICINE PHYSICIAN WHO IS:

(1) LICENSED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) CARING FOR A PARTICIPANT.

(C) “MATERNAL DIABETES” MEANS DIABETES THAT:

(1) DEVELOPED PRIOR TO PREGNANCY AND CONTINUES DURING PREGNANCY; OR

(2) DEVELOPS DURING PREGNANCY.

(D) “MATERNAL HYPERTENSION” MEANS HYPERTENSION THAT:

(1) DEVELOPED PRIOR TO PREGNANCY AND CONTINUES DURING PREGNANCY; OR

(2) DEVELOPS DURING PREGNANCY.

(E) “PARTICIPANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 15–1202 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(F) “PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION” MEANS THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(G) “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE MATERNAL HEALTH MONITORING PILOT PROGRAM.

(H) “REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING” MEANS THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY THAT:

1 **(1) COLLECTS HEALTH DATA FROM AN ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT AND**
2 **ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITS THE DATA SECURELY THROUGH CELLULAR**
3 **NETWORKS;**

4 **(2) IS AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG**
5 **ADMINISTRATION; AND**

6 **(3) MONITORS HEALTH DATA, INCLUDING:**

7 **(I) BLOOD PRESSURE;**

8 **(II) WEIGHT;**

9 **(III) BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS; AND**

10 **(IV) ANY OTHER PHYSIOLOGICAL HEALTH DATA DETERMINED**
11 **NECESSARY BY THE PARTICIPANT'S HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.**

12 **(I) "TECHNOLOGY VENDOR" MEANS THE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY**
13 **SELECTED AND CONTRACTED WITH BY THE PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE**
14 **ORGANIZATION.**

15 **15-1202.**

16 **(A) THERE IS A MATERNAL HEALTH MONITORING PILOT PROGRAM IN THE**
17 **DEPARTMENT.**

18 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT PREGNANT AND**
19 **POSTPARTUM PROGRAM RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF PREGNANCY**
20 **COMPLICATIONS BECAUSE OF MATERNAL HYPERTENSION OR MATERNAL DIABETES.**

21 **(C) A PROGRAM RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM IF THE**
22 **PROGRAM RECIPIENT IS:**

23 **(1) PREGNANT;**

24 **(2) AN ENROLLEE IN THE PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE**
25 **ORGANIZATION; AND**

26 **(3) DIAGNOSED WITH MATERNAL HYPERTENSION OR MATERNAL**
27 **DIABETES.**

(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) SELECT A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, PAY A \$2,000 FEE PER PARTICIPANT TO THE PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(2) THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO THE PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$600,000.

(E) THE PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL:

(1) CONTRACT WITH A TECHNOLOGY VENDOR TO OFFER REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING SERVICES TO PARTICIPANTS;

(2) REIMBURSE THE TECHNOLOGY VENDOR FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING SERVICES AND DEVICES; AND

(3) ENSURE PARTICIPANTS HAVE ACCESS TO REMOTE MONITORING SERVICES UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(F) THE TECHNOLOGY VENDOR SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE PREPROGRAMMED TECHNOLOGY SPECIFIC TO EACH PARTICIPANT; AND

(2) ENSURE THAT:

(I) REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING OCCURS DURING THE PARTICIPANT'S SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTERS AND FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS POSTPARTUM;

(II) REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING DEVICES ARE DELIVERED TO EACH PARTICIPANT; AND

(III) EACH PARTICIPANT IS TRAINED ON HOW TO USE THE REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING DEVICE.

(G) (1) THE TECHNOLOGY VENDOR SHALL EMPLOY A NURSING TEAM THAT INCLUDES:

1 (I) A NURSE LICENSED IN THE STATE;

2 (II) A DIETITIAN–NUTRITIONIST LICENSED IN THE STATE; AND

3 (III) A CERTIFIED DIABETES CARE AND EDUCATION SPECIALIST.

4 (2) THE NURSING TEAM EMPLOYED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION SHALL SUPPORT EACH PARTICIPANT BY:

6 (I) MONITORING AND REVIEWING THE PARTICIPANT’S HEALTH
7 DATA;

8 (II) ESTABLISHING, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MANAGED
9 CARE ORGANIZATION, A PROCESS TO BE COMPLIED WITH IF THE PARTICIPANT’S
10 REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING READINGS AND SYMPTOMS REQUIRE IMMEDIATE
11 ATTENTION FROM THE PARTICIPANT’S HEALTH CARE PROVIDER; AND

12 (III) PROVIDING HEALTH COACHING TO EACH PARTICIPANT
13 REGARDING:

14 1. CONDITION MANAGEMENT;

15 2. HEALTH BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION; AND

16 3. NUTRITION.

17 (H) THE TECHNOLOGY VENDOR SHALL ASSIGN A PROGRAM MANAGER TO:

18 (1) SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

19 (2) COORDINATE EFFORTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
20 PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION.

21 (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT
22 PROGRAM REPRESENTS THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND INCLUDES
23 A STATISTICALLY RELEVANT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

24 (J) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
25 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$600,000 TO THE PROGRAM.

26 (K) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL OPERATE DURING FISCAL YEARS 2026
27 AND 2027.

1 **(L) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION**
2 **WITH THE PARTICIPATING MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AND THE TECHNOLOGY**
3 **VENDOR, SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE**
4 **PILOT PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE**
5 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2028,
8 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
9 of no further force and effect.