

SENATE BILL 94

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Ellis**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Self-Measured Blood Pressure**
3 **Monitoring**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on a certain date, the Maryland Medical
5 Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure
6 monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; requiring the Program to develop
7 and implement a certain education campaign; and generally relating to
8 self-measured blood pressure monitoring under the Maryland Medical Assistance
9 Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–101(h), (j), and (l) and 15–103(a)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxv) and 15–141.6
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Health – General

15–101.

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

(j) “Self–measured blood pressure monitoring” means the regular measurement of blood pressure by the patient outside the clinical setting, either at home or elsewhere, requiring the use of a home blood pressure measurement device by the patient.

(l) “Validated home blood pressure monitor” means a blood pressure measurement device that has been validated for accuracy and is listed in the U.S. Blood Pressure Validated Device Listing.

15–103.

(a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

(2) The Program:

(xxiii) Beginning on July 1, 2025, shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, coverage for biomarker testing in accordance with § 15–859 of the Insurance Article; [and]

(xxiv) Beginning on January 1, 2025, shall provide coverage for prostheses in accordance with § 15–844 of the Insurance Article; AND

(XXV) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW, COVERAGE FOR SELF–MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15–141.6 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15–141.6.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENT” MEANS A PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHO:

(I) IS PREGNANT;

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(II) IS POSTPARTUM; OR

(III) HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH:

- 1. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE;**
- 2. DIABETES;**
- 3. HEART DISEASE; OR**
- 4. A CARDIOMETABOLIC DISEASE.**

(3) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS:

(I) A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION, OR IN AN APPROVED EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM; OR

(II) A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 37 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING FOR ALL ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING:

(1) THE PROVISION OF VALIDATED HOME BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS; AND

(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND OTHER STAFF TIME USED FOR PATIENT TRAINING, TRANSMISSION OF BLOOD PRESSURE DATA, INTERPRETATION OF BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS AND REPORTING, REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING, AND THE DELIVERY OF CO-INTERVENTIONS, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS OR CLASSES.

(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO INFORM ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT THE BENEFITS AND USAGE OF BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING TECHNOLOGY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE WITH SETUP AND TROUBLESHOOTING.

(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND

1 THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT
3 INCLUDES:

4 (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS WHO
5 RECEIVED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS UNDER THIS SECTION DURING THE
6 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD;

7 (2) THE OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THE HOME BLOOD
8 PRESSURE MONITORS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

9 (3) ANY COST SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY THE PROGRAM DURING THE
10 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THE HOME
11 BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2025.