
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. **Definitions.** As used in this Act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Department" means the department of health.

"Eligible participant" means a patient who is:

(1) A recipient of medical assistance;

(2) A member of a participating managed care organization;

and

(3) Pregnant.

"Escalation pathway" means an agreement between the participating managed care organization and the technology vendor on a process to follow when an eligible participant's measurements are concerning and warrant further review and investigation.

"Health care provider" means an obstetrician or maternal-fetal medicine physician who:

(1) Is licensed in Hawaii;



(2) Is in-network with a participating managed care organization; and

(3) Cares for an eligible participant during pregnancy.

"Participating managed care organization" means a managed care organization selected by the department to administer the pilot program.

"Pilot program" means the maternal health monitoring pilot program.

"Remote monitoring clinical care team" means a team of nurses who are licensed in Hawaii and dietitians that monitor eligible participants' measurements and provide nutrition guidance, diabetes and hypertension condition management counseling, and pregnancy and postpartum advice.

"Remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes" means technology provided by the technology vendor that:

(1) Collects health data from an eligible participant and electronically transmits that information securely for interpretation and recommendation;

(2) Uses devices that are authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration;



(3) Monitors health data, including blood pressure, weight, blood glucose levels, or other physiological health data as determined by the eligible participant's health care provider;

(4) Transmits health data through cellular networks; and

(5) Provides preprogrammed equipment specifically for each eligible participant.

"Technology vendor" means the technology company selected by the department to contract with the participating managed care organizations in administering the pilot program.

SECTION 2. Maternal health monitoring pilot program;

establishment; administration. (a) The maternal health monitoring pilot program shall be established within the department to offer eligible participants improved maternal health care through remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes.

(b) The department shall implement the pilot program in as many counties as necessary to ensure participation of up to three hundred eligible participants.

(c) The department shall select one or more participating managed care organizations and one technology vendor to



1 administer the pilot program in a manner determined by the
2 department.

3 (d) The participating managed care organizations shall:

4 (1) Contract directly with the technology vendor to offer
5 remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension
6 and maternal diabetes; and

7 (2) Ensure that eligible participants have access to the
8 pilot program.

9 (e) The pilot program shall be operational no later than
10 one hundred eighty days after the contract date between a
11 participating managed care organization and the technology
12 vendor; provided that the contract shall be executed no later
13 than June 30, 2027.

14 (f) The pilot program shall conclude two years after the
15 pilot program becomes operational.

16 **SECTION 3. Remote patient monitoring for maternal**
17 **hypertension and maternal diabetes; requirements.** The
18 technology vendor shall meet the following requirements when
19 offering remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and
20 maternal diabetes to an eligible participant under the pilot
21 program:



- 1 (1) Ensure that remote patient monitoring for maternal
2 hypertension and maternal diabetes is available during
3 pregnancy and for up to three months postpartum;
- 4 (2) Ensure that remote patient monitoring devices are
5 delivered to eligible participants;
- 6 (3) Ensure that eligible participants have access to a
7 training process on how to use the remote patient
8 monitoring devices;
- 9 (4) Assign a program manager to support implementation and
10 administration of the pilot program and to coordinate
11 efforts with the participating managed care
12 organizations and department; and
- 13 (5) Employ a remote monitoring clinical care team that is
14 capable of:
 - 15 (A) Monitoring and reviewing an eligible
16 participant's health data;
 - 17 (B) Creating an escalation pathway with the
18 participating managed care organization if an
19 eligible participant's remote patient monitoring
20 readings for maternal hypertension and maternal
21 diabetes, in conjunction with the eligible



1 participant's symptoms, require additional
2 medical attention;

3 (C) Providing health coaching to eligible
4 participants in matters including nutrition,
5 condition management, and healthy behavior
6 modification; and

7 (D) Coordinating with an eligible participant's
8 health care provider as needed.

9 SECTION 4. **Fee for administration of the maternal health**
10 **monitoring pilot program.** (a) The department shall pay a fee
11 to the participating managed care organizations to administer
12 the pilot program.

13 (b) The participating managed care organizations shall use
14 the fee payment to cover the costs of:

15 (1) Contracting with the technology vendor; and

16 (2) Administering the pilot program.

17 (c) The department shall allocate \$600,000 to offset the
18 costs of the pilot program.

19 SECTION 5. **Report.** (a) Twenty-four months after the
20 pilot program's implementation, the department shall collaborate
21 with the participating managed care organizations and any other



1 relevant stakeholders to develop a report evaluating the
2 outcomes of the pilot program. The report shall include
3 recommendations regarding whether the pilot program should be
4 expanded throughout the State.

5 (b) The report shall include data from pilot program
6 participants, including claims data, vital statistics data, and
7 electronic health record and electronic medical record data, to
8 determine the pilot program's impact on the following maternal,
9 fetal, and neonatal health outcomes and to assess whether the
10 program improves maternal, fetal, and neonatal health and
11 results in Medicaid savings:

12 (1) Maternal outcomes:

- 13 (A) Maternal mortality rate;
14 (B) Severe maternal morbidity rate;
15 (C) Preeclampsia;
16 (D) Cesarean section rate;
17 (E) Mean length of delivery hospital stay;
18 (F) Intensive care unit admission rate;
19 (G) Mean length of intensive care unit stay;
20 (H) Emergency department visits, hospitalizations,
21 and postpartum hospital readmission rate; and



- 1 (I) Postpartum visit adherence rate; and
- 2 (2) Fetal and neonatal outcomes:
- 3 (A) Fetal mortality rate;
- 4 (B) Fetal growth restriction;
- 5 (C) Neonatal mortality rate;
- 6 (D) Neonatal intensive care unit admission rate;
- 7 (E) Mean length of neonatal intensive care unit stay;
- 8 (F) Neonatal hypoglycemia;
- 9 (G) Preterm birth;
- 10 (H) Gestational age at delivery; and
- 11 (I) Birthweight.
- 12 (c) The department shall submit the report to:
- 13 (1) The governor;
- 14 (2) The president of the senate;
- 15 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives;
- 16 (4) The chair and vice chair of the senate committee on
- 17 health and human services; and
- 18 (5) The chair and vice chair of the house of
- 19 representatives committee on health.

20 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general

21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
2 purpose of the pilot program established in this Act.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 health for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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H.B. NO. 1871

Report Title:

DOH; Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program within the Department of Health to offer eligible participants improved maternal health care through remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes. Appropriates funds for the pilot program.

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