
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

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

3 "Department" means the department of health.

4 "Eligible participant" means a patient who is:

5 (1) A recipient of medical assistance;

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

7 and

8 (3) Pregnant.

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

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

16 (1) Is licensed in Hawaii;



3 (3) Cares for an eligible participant during pregnancy.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (2) Uses devices that are authorized by the United States
21 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.

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

11 SECTION 2. Maternal health monitoring pilot program;

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

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

20 (c) The department shall select one or more participating
21 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.

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



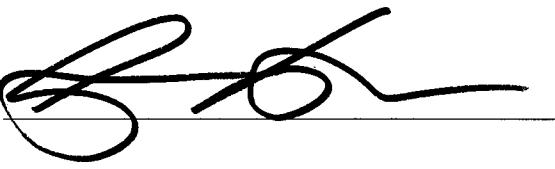


1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
2 purpose of the pilot program established in this Act.

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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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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