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LCO No. 1715



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF
TELEMONITORING SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Department" means the Department of Social Services.

4 (2) "Evidence-based best practices" means the integration of the best
5 available research with clinical expertise in the context of patient
6 characteristics and preferences.

7 (3) "Home health agency" has the same meaning as provided in
8 section 19a-490 of the general statutes.

9 (4) "Home telemonitoring service" means a health service that
10 requires (A) scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient's
11 health, including, but not limited to, monitoring of the patient's blood
12 pressure, heart rate, weight, blood sugar and oxygen level, and (B)
13 transmission of data to a home health agency licensed pursuant to

14 chapter 368v of the general statutes.

15 (b) To the extent permissible by federal law, the department shall
16 provide Medicaid coverage for services performed by a home health
17 agency using a home telemonitoring service for a Medicaid beneficiary
18 with (1) serious or chronic medical conditions that may result in
19 frequent or recurrent hospitalizations and emergency room
20 admissions, (2) a documented history of poor adherence to ordered
21 medication regimes, (3) a documented history of falls in the six-month
22 period prior to evaluation of the need for telemonitoring, (4) limited or
23 absent informal support systems, (5) a documented history of
24 challenges with access to care, or (6) a history of living alone or being
25 home alone for extended periods of time. The department shall
26 establish coverage criteria for home telemonitoring based on evidence-
27 based best practices.

28 (c) The department shall ensure that clinical information gathered
29 by a home health agency while providing home telemonitoring
30 services is shared with the patient's treating health care professionals
31 and may impose other reasonable requirements on the use of home
32 telemonitoring services.

33 (d) Pursuant to section 17b-8 of the general statutes, the
34 Commissioner of Social Services may seek a waiver from federal
35 Medicaid requirements or an amendment to the Medicaid state plan if
36 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow Medicaid coverage of home telemonitoring services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]