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***Raised Bill No. 115***

LCO No. 167



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, 2016*) (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 care 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 included  
10 in an integrated plan of care written by a treating physician that  
11 requires (A) scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient's  
12 health, including, but not limited to, monitoring of the patient's blood  
13 pressure, heart rate, weight and oxygen level, (B) interpretation of

14 transmitted data by a home health care agency licensed pursuant to  
15 chapter 368v of the general statutes, (C) dissemination of such data by  
16 such home health care agency to a treating physician, and (D) follow-  
17 up by a health care professional in the home or referrals for care as  
18 determined medically necessary by a treating physician.

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

33 (c) The department shall ensure that clinical information gathered  
34 by a home health care agency while providing home telemonitoring  
35 services is shared with the patient's treating physician and may impose  
36 other reasonable requirements on the use of home telemonitoring  
37 services.

38 (d) The transmission, storage and dissemination of data and records  
39 related to home telemonitoring services shall be in accordance with  
40 federal and state laws and regulations concerning the privacy, security,  
41 confidentiality and safeguarding of individually identifiable  
42 information.

43 (e) The department shall study the impact of telemonitoring services  
44 authorized pursuant to this section on factors including, but not

45 limited to, health care outcomes, cost, beneficiary level of  
46 independence and beneficiary quality of life. Not later than January 1,  
47 2018, the department shall submit a report on the findings of such  
48 study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
49 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
50 having cognizance of matters relating to human services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services for certain persons enrolled in the Money Follows the Person demonstration project.

*[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.]*