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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:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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HS *Joint Favorable*