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LCO No. 1081



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

**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, (C) dissemination of

15 such data by such home health care agency to a treating physician, and
16 (D) follow-up by a health care professional in the home or referrals for
17 care as determined medically necessary by a treating physician.

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

31 (c) The department shall ensure that clinical information gathered
32 by a home health care agency while providing home telemonitoring
33 services is shared with the patient's treating physician and may impose
34 other reasonable requirements on the use of home telemonitoring
35 services. The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations,
36 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,
37 to implement the provisions of this section.

38 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services may seek a waiver from
39 federal Medicaid requirements or an amendment to the Medicaid state
40 plan, pursuant to section 17b-8 of the general statutes, if necessary to
41 implement the provisions of this section.

42 (e) The transmission, storage and dissemination of data and records
43 related to home telemonitoring services shall be in accordance with
44 federal and state laws and regulations concerning the privacy, security,
45 confidentiality and safeguarding of individually identifiable
46 information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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