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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section:

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

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

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

11 (4) "Home telemonitoring service" means a health service included
12 in an integrated plan of care written by a treating physician that

13 requires (A) scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient's
14 health, including, but not limited to, monitoring of the patient's blood
15 pressure, heart rate, weight and oxygen level, (B) interpretation of
16 transmitted data by a home health care agency licensed pursuant to
17 chapter 368v of the general statutes, (C) dissemination of such data by
18 such home health care agency to a treating physician, and (D) follow-
19 up by a health care professional in the home or referrals for care as
20 determined medically necessary by a treating physician.

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

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

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

45 (e) The department shall study (1) the impact of home
 46 telemonitoring services authorized pursuant to this section on factors
 47 including, but not limited to: (A) Health care outcomes, (B) cost, and
 48 (C) impact on a Medicaid beneficiary's level of independence and
 49 quality of life, and (2) in collaboration with the Secretary of the Office
 50 of Policy and Management, cost savings that may be achieved by
 51 providing Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services to all
 52 Medicaid beneficiaries with serious or chronic medical conditions that
 53 may result in frequent or recurrent hospitalizations and emergency
 54 room admissions. Not later than January 1, 2018, the department shall
 55 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
 56 the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
 57 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging and human
 58 services on the results of the study. If the study determines cost
 59 savings may be achieved by expanding Medicaid coverage of home
 60 telemonitoring services, the department shall also submit a plan not
 61 later than January 1, 2018, to said committees to expand Medicaid
 62 coverage of home telemonitoring services to all Medicaid beneficiaries
 63 with serious or chronic medical conditions that may result in frequent
 64 or recurrent hospitalizations and emergency room admissions."

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