

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Medicaid coverage of blood pressure
3 monitors and cuffs; creating s. 409.90631, F.S.;
4 defining the term "blood pressure monitor and cuff;"
5 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to
6 provide coverage for blood pressure monitors and cuffs
7 under the Medicaid pharmacy benefit for certain
8 persons; providing requirements for coverage;
9 providing that coverage of blood pressure monitors and
10 cuffs includes the cost of any necessary repairs or
11 replacement parts; providing coverage qualification
12 requirements for Medicaid recipients; requiring the
13 agency to seek federal approval for implementation of
14 coverage and to include the rate impact in the
15 Medicaid managed medical assistance program and long-
16 term care managed care program rates beginning on a
17 specified date; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21 **Section 1. Section 409.90631, Florida Statutes, is created**
22 **to read:**

23 409.90631 Coverage of blood pressure monitors and cuffs
24 for Medicaid recipients.—

25 (1) As used in this section, the term "blood pressure

26 monitor and cuff" means a device designed for the purpose of
27 aiding in the treatment of hypertension by measuring blood
28 pressure levels through a validated blood pressure measurement
29 device at home or elsewhere outside the clinic setting.

30 (2) Subject to the availability of funds and subject to
31 any limitations or directions provided in the General
32 Appropriations Act, the agency must provide coverage for blood
33 pressure monitors and cuffs under the Medicaid pharmacy benefit
34 for the treatment of a Medicaid recipient if:

35 (a) The recipient has been diagnosed by his or her primary
36 care physician, or another licensed health care practitioner
37 authorized to make such diagnosis, with hypertension that may be
38 treated with medication; and

39 (b) A health care practitioner with the applicable
40 prescribing authority has prescribed medication to treat the
41 recipient's hypertension and a validated blood pressure monitor
42 and cuff to assist the recipient and practitioner in managing
43 the recipient's hypertension.

44 (3) Coverage under this section includes the cost of any
45 necessary repairs or replacement parts for the blood pressure
46 monitor and cuff.

47 (4) To qualify for continued coverage under this section,
48 the Medicaid recipient must participate in follow-up care with
49 his or her treating health care practitioner, in person or
50 through telehealth, at least once every 6 months during the

51 first 18 months after the first prescription of the blood
52 pressure monitor and cuff for the recipient has been issued
53 under this section, to assess the efficacy of using the blood
54 pressure monitor and cuff for treatment of his or her
55 hypertension. After the first 18 months, such follow-up care
56 must occur at least once every 12 months.

57 (5) The agency shall seek federal approval, if needed, for
58 the implementation of this section.

59 **Section 2.** The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
60 include the rate impact of this act in the Medicaid managed
61 medical assistance program and long-term care managed care
62 program rates, as applicable, that take effect on or after
63 October 1, 2026.

64 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.