

By Senator Burgess

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to Medicaid coverage of blood pressure monitoring devices; creating s. 409.9064, F.S.; defining the terms "blood pressure cuff" and "validated at-home blood pressure monitor"; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, subject to the availability of funds and certain limitations and directions, to provide coverage for validated at-home blood pressure monitors and blood pressure cuffs for certain Medicaid recipients; providing construction; providing requirements for Medicaid recipients to continue receiving coverage for their validated at-home blood pressure monitors and blood pressure cuffs; requiring the agency to seek federal approval for implementation of the act, if needed; requiring the agency to include the rate impact of the act in certain rates that become effective on a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 409.9064, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.9064 Coverage of blood pressure monitoring devices for Medicaid recipients.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Blood pressure cuff" means a blood pressure measurement accessory that is used with a validated at-home blood pressure monitor to measure blood pressure levels and that

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is obtained independently of a validated at-home blood pressure monitor in order to ensure proper size and fit for the patient.

(b) "Validated at-home blood pressure monitor" means a blood pressure measurement device that has been validated for accuracy and is listed in the United States Blood Pressure Validated Device Listing developed by the American Medical Association and is designed for the purpose of aiding in the treatment of hypertension by measuring blood pressure levels outside of the clinical setting.

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

(a) The recipient has been diagnosed by his or her primary care physician, or another licensed health care practitioner authorized to make such diagnosis, with hypertension; and

(b) A health care practitioner with the applicable prescribing authority has prescribed a validated at-home blood pressure monitor to assist the recipient and practitioner in managing the recipient's condition.

(3) Coverage under this section includes the cost of any necessary repairs or replacement parts for validated at-home blood pressure monitors and blood pressure cuffs.

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

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59 first 18 months after the recipient's first prescription for the  
60 validated at-home blood pressure monitor has been issued under  
61 this section, to assess the efficacy of using the monitor for  
62 treatment or management of his or her hypertension. After the  
63 first 18 months, such follow-up care must occur at least once  
64 every 12 months.

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

67 Section 2. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
68 include the rate impact of this act in the Medicaid managed  
69 medical assistance program and long-term care managed care  
70 program rates, as applicable, which take effect on October 1,  
71 2026.

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