

Legislative Analysis



COVERAGE FOR BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS DURING PREGNANCY OR POSTPARTUM PERIOD

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House Bill 5167 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Cynthia Neeley

Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

House Bill 5168 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly Edwards

Committee: Health Policy
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5167 would amend the Social Welfare Act to provide that an individual who is pregnant or is within a postpartum period may receive medical assistance coverage for the purchase of a blood pressure monitor.

Proposed MCL 400.190o

House Bill 5168 would amend the Insurance Code to require insurers that deliver, issue for delivery, or renew a health insurance policy in Michigan to cover the cost of a blood pressure monitor for an insured individual who is pregnant or postpartum.

Proposed MCL 500.3406z

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5167 would incur an upper-bound estimated cost of \$2.5 million Gross (\$855,300 GF/GP)¹ per year for the Michigan Medicaid program, assuming that every eligible recipient receives a Medicaid-provided blood pressure monitor. Medicaid reimbursements for automatic blood pressure monitors are \$62.30² per monitor, as of July 2023. The number of births financed by Medicaid in Michigan in 2021 totaled 39,585 individuals³ and was used as a proxy variable for the number of pregnant women that would be eligible for the Medicaid-provided blood pressure monitors.

House Bill 5168 would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Insurance and Financial Services or on other units of state or local government.

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¹ Assuming a federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) of 65.32.

² Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; accessed 10/02/23.

³ <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/births-financed-by-medicaid/>