

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6937

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LCO No. 4429



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY CHILDREN'S DIAPERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2025) (a) As used in this section, 2 "medical necessity" means a determination by a physician or physician 3 assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an 4 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of 5 the general statutes that the provision of diapers to a child is medically 6 necessary to prevent or ameliorate (1) severe and persistent diaper 7 dermatitis, urinary tract infection or other disease of the skin related to 8 inadequate diaper hygiene, or (2) another health condition, including, 9 but not limited to, a developmental, psychiatric or neurological 10 condition, that results in an unusual need to void or delayed 11 developmentally appropriate toileting behavior.
- 12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid 13 state plan to extend Medicaid coverage for diapers to children from 14 birth to age three deemed to have a medical necessity for diapers. Not 15 later than September 1, 2026, the commissioner shall file a report, in

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- 16 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
- 17 with the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
- 18 cognizance of matters relating to human services on the (1) number of
- 19 children from birth to age three determined to have a medical necessity
- 20 for diapers in the previous fiscal year, (2) cost to the state to provide
- 21 Medicaid coverage for diapers for such children, and (3) estimated
- 22 savings on state Medicaid costs for treatment of potential health care
- 23 conditions averted by the provision of access to diapers covered by
- 24 Medicaid.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
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Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section	

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide Medicaid coverage for medically necessary diapers for children.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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