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A BILL
25-321

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend Title I of the Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018 to extend health insurance coverage through Medicaid, DC HealthCare Alliance, and the Immigrant Children’s Program for eligible home visiting services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Home Visiting Services Reimbursement Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Title I of the Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018, effective October 30, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-179; D.C. Official Code § 4-651.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 111 to read as follows:

“Sec. 111. Reimbursement for home visiting services.

“(a) By January 1, 2025, health insurance coverage through Medicaid or the DC HealthCare Alliance and the Immigrant Children’s Program shall cover and reimburse eligible home visiting services provided by an eligible home visitor program; except, that no Medicaid payment shall be made until such time that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) approves the Medicaid state plan amendment described in subsection (b) of this section.

26 “(b)(1) By December 31, 2024, DHCF shall submit for approval from CMS an
27 amendment to the Medicaid state plan to authorize the Medicaid payments described in this
28 section.

29 “(2) While preparing the Medicaid state plan amendment application, DHCF
30 shall:

31 “(A) In consultation with organizations providing home visiting services
32 and other relevant entities, establish criteria and processes for billing and reimbursement of
33 eligible home visiting services, including:

34 “(i) Establishing coverage and eligibility criteria to include at least
35 the covered population;

36 “(ii) Establishing a payment methodology based on monthly
37 payments per individual or family receiving eligible home visiting services so that the payment
38 results in adequate reimbursement;

39 “(iii) Developing program support and training for home visitors to
40 facilitate billing; and

41 “(iv) Assessing the viability of incentive payments to home visitors
42 whose clients attend postpartum appointments with a medical provider.

43 “(B) In consultation with DOH and other relevant entities, issue rules to
44 determine eligibility for reimbursement by Medicaid, the DC HealthCare Alliance, and the
45 Immigrant Children’s Program.

46 “(c) For purposes of this section, the term:

47 “(1) “Covered population” means:

48 “(A) First-time expectant parents; and

49 “(B) Families, and expectant parents, who have children under the age of 5
50 and who meet 3 or more medical, behavioral, or social risk factors as determined by DHCF.

51 “(2) “Eligible home visiting program” means a home visiting program that
52 conforms to a home visitation model that has been in existence for at least 3 years and:

53 “(A) Is research-based and grounded in relevant empirically-based
54 knowledge;

55 “(B) Has demonstrated program-determined outcomes;

56 “(C) Is associated with a national organization, institution of higher
57 education, or other organization that has comprehensive home visitation program standards that
58 ensure high quality service delivery and continuous program quality improvement; and

59 “(D) Meets the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ criteria
60 for evidence of effectiveness as determined by a Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness
61 review or meets substantially equivalent criteria for evidence of effectiveness as determined by a
62 credible, independent academic or research organization.”.

63 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

64 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
65 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
66 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

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67 Sec. 5. Effective date.

68 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
69 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
70 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
71 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
72 Columbia Register.