

# Legislative Analysis



## COVERAGE FOR BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS DURING PREGNANCY OR POSTPARTUM PERIOD

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**House Bill 5167 (H-1) as reported from committee**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Cynthia Neeley**

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<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

**House Bill 5168 (H-1) as reported from committee**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly Edwards**

**Committee: Health Policy**  
**Complete to 6-26-24**

### SUMMARY:

**House Bill 5167** would amend the Social Welfare Act to provide that an individual who is pregnant or is within a postpartum period is eligible for medical assistance coverage of a blood pressure monitor designed for use during pregnancy and fitted to the individual.

Proposed MCL 400.109o

**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 a blood pressure monitor for a pregnant or postpartum insured individual, subject to applicable cost sharing, including deductible, co-insurance, or co-pay provisions.

Proposed MCL 500.3406kk

### FISCAL IMPACT:

**House Bill 5167** would incur an upper-bound estimated cost of \$2.5 million Gross (\$855,300 GF/GP)<sup>1</sup> 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 \$62.30<sup>2</sup> per monitor, as of July 2023. The number of births financed by Medicaid in Michigan in 2021 totaled 39,585 individuals<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Assuming a federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) of 65.32.

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

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

## POSITIONS:

A representative of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists testified in support of the bills. (10-19-23)

The following entities indicated support for the bills:

- American College of Nurse-Midwives, Michigan Affiliate (10-26-23)
- Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health (10-19-23)
- Michigan League for Public Policy (10-19-23)
- Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (10-26-23)
- Nurse Family Partnership (10-26-23)

The American Heart Association indicated support for HB 5167. (10-19-23)

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