General Assembly

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LCO No. **1089**

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT EXPANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAID COVERAGE.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, (1) "emergency medical condition" means a medical condition, including emergency labor and delivery, manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in (A) placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy, (B) serious impairment to bodily functions, or (C) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; and (2) "emergency Medicaid coverage" means Medicaid coverage for treatment of an emergency medical condition.

(b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall expand emergency Medicaid coverage consistent with federal law for treatment of emergency medical conditions, including, but not limited to, emergency medical conditions related to (1) a high-risk pregnancy, (2) diabetes type 1 in persons under the age of twenty-one, (3) diabetic emergencies, including, but not limited to, diabetic ketoacidosis, (4) renal failure requiring ongoing dialysis, (5) fracture of a bone in the skull, arm, neck,

17 leg, spine or pelvis occurring in the two-month period prior to a request
18 for emergency Medicaid coverage, (6) hypertensive emergencies
19 involving persons presenting with signs or symptoms of end organ
20 damage and systolic blood pressure equaling or exceeding one hundred
21 eighty or diastolic blood pressure equaling or exceeding one hundred
22 twenty, (7) unstable seizure disorder characterized by at least five
23 minutes of uncontrollable seizures or at least two discrete seizures
24 between which the person does not regain consciousness, (8) active
25 treatment for cancer related to a current diagnosis, (9) ventilator
26 dependency, (10) labor and delivery, and (11) acute inpatient or
27 outpatient psychiatric treatment.

28 (c) Not later than July 1, 2027, the commissioner shall establish an
29 administrative system for persons to apply in advance for emergency
30 Medicaid coverage for emergency medical conditions that can be
31 treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency
32 departments. The commissioner shall include a prominent link to the
33 application and a list of covered emergency medical conditions on the
34 Internet web site of the Department of Social Services. The
35 commissioner shall also include information about advance
36 applications for emergency Medicaid coverage and a list of covered
37 emergency medical conditions in department forms and policy
38 manuals.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2026*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand emergency Medicaid coverage to the extent permissible under federal law.

[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.]