



# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

## State Budget Office

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*State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:*

**2025-H 5991**

**Date of State Budget Office Approval:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025

**Date Requested:** Monday, March 31, 2025

**Date Due:** Thursday, April 10, 2025

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>	<i>Impact on Revenues</i>
FY 2025 \$0	FY 2025 \$0
FY 2026 \$169,350	FY 2026 \$0
FY 2027 \$169,350	FY 2027 \$0

**Explanation by State Budget Office:**

This bill would require the executive office of health and human services to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable. This act would take effect upon passage.

**Summary of Facts and Assumptions:**

According to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, remote blood pressure monitoring – for pregnant people or for anyone else – is not a service currently implemented by the state plan. The implementation of such a service would require two components: blood pressure cuffs, and clinical work for monitoring. EOHHS believes that it would be reasonable to consider the blood pressure cuffs to fall under the existing Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefit, and for clinical monitoring to fall under the physician services benefit, allowing the Office to reasonably implement the provisions of the bill without changing the state plan.

The condition most often associated with blood pressure monitoring is preeclampsia. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, preeclampsia occurs in between 5 and 7 percent of all pregnancies in the United States. Risk factors for preeclampsia include history of hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and advanced maternal age. Specific criteria to determine eligibility for monitoring has not been set forth by the bill, but it is reasonable to assume that pregnant persons with one or more of the previous medical conditions, or with a high blood pressure reading during pregnancy, would be eligible.

The November 2024 Caseload Estimating Conference (CEC) adopted estimates assumed approximately 385 births per month financed by Medicaid. This fiscal note assumes that 7 percent of the births financed by Medicaid will be eligible for blood pressure monitoring under the bill, resulting in approximately 27 eligible participants each calendar year.

The commercial cost of at-home blood pressure monitors ranges between approximately \$34.99 and \$89.99. It is possible that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services could negotiate a lower rate for blood pressure monitors, but at present blood pressure cuffs are not included on the DME list. This fiscal note assumes a cost of \$49.99 per monitor, which is the retail cost of a home



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blood pressure monitor from CVS Pharmacy. It is likely that the average cost for this medical equipment would be less from a DME wholesaler, but DME wholesaler prices are not publicly available.

Assuming 27 eligible pregnancies with a cost of \$49.99 per blood pressure monitor, the annual cost of providing blood pressure cuffs to eligible pregnant persons would be approximately \$1,350. The Executive Office estimates the expense for implementation and monitoring to be approximately \$168,000, for a total of \$169,350 annually.

Due to the timing of this bill, this fiscal note assumes no fiscal impact for FY 2025. Under the final FMAP rate for FY 2026 and preliminary FMAP rate for FY 2027, this would result in an expenditure of \$96,868 federal funds and \$72,481 general revenue in FY 2026 and \$97,884 federal funds and \$71,466 general revenue in FY 2027.

### Comments on Sources of Funds:

Medicaid expenditures are jointly financed by general revenues and federal funds according to the prevailing Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP), which is 55.99 percent in SFY 2025 and 57.20 percent in FY 2026. For FY 2027, this fiscal note utilizes the FY 2027 preliminary FMAP, 57.80 percent.

### Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FY 2025: \$0

FY 2026: \$169,350

FY 2027: \$169,350

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