

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 56

By Senator Rucker

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §9-5-34, relating to requiring the Department of Human Services to allow
3 reimbursement for remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests utilizing
4 established CPT codes for these procedures when the patient is in a residence or other off-
5 site location from the patient's provider and the same standard of care is met.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-34. Medicaid program; remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.

1 (a) The Department of Human Services shall allow reimbursement for remote ultrasound
2 procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests utilizing established CPT codes for these procedures
3 when the patient is in a residence or other off-site location from the patient's provider and the same
4 standard of care is met.

5 (b) Remote ultrasounds and remote fetal nonstress tests are only reimbursable when the
6 provider uses digital technology:

7 (1) To collect medical and other forms of health data from a patient and electronically
8 transmit that information securely to a healthcare provider in a different location for interpretation
9 and recommendation;

10 (2) That is compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
11 1996 (42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq.); and

12 (3) Approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

13 (4) For CPT Code 59025 – a fetal nonstress test, is only reimbursable with a place of
14 service modifier for at-home monitoring with remote monitoring solutions that are FDA cleared for
15 on-label use for monitoring fetal heart rate (FHR), maternal heart rate (MHR), and Uterine Activity
16 (UA)

17 (5) The department shall issue guidance to implement this section.

- 18 (6) The department shall make payment for remote ultrasound procedures and remote
19 fetal nonstress tests without requiring at least 30 days between the date of informed consent and
20 the date of the remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Human Services to allow reimbursement for remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests utilizing established CPT codes for these procedures when the patient is in a residence or other off-site location from the patient's provider and the same standard of care is met.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.