

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Committee Substitute**

**for**

### **Senate Bill 649**

BY SENATORS GRADY, DEEDS, OLIVERIO, AND WOELFEL

[Reported February 11, 2026, from the Committee on  
Health and Human Resources]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §9-5-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to Medicaid coverage for blood pressure monitoring devices to be offered to certain  
3 persons who have been diagnosed with hypertension; requiring benefits be provided once  
4 Rural Health Transformation Program funding has been expended; requiring state plan  
5 amendment consistent with Rural Health Transformation Program; and requiring  
6 reimbursement for related costs.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**§9-5-20. Medicaid program; chronic kidney disease and hypertension; evaluation and  
classification; blood pressure monitors.**

1 (a) Any enrollee in Medicaid who is eligible for services and who has a diagnosis of  
2 diabetes or hypertension or who has a family history of kidney disease, shall receive coverage for  
3 an evaluation for chronic kidney disease through routine clinical laboratory assessments of kidney  
4 function.

5 (b) Any enrollee in Medicaid who is eligible for services and who has been diagnosed with  
6 diabetes or hypertension or who has a family history of kidney disease and who has received a  
7 diagnosis of kidney disease shall be classified as a chronic kidney patient.

8 (c) The diagnostic criteria used to define chronic kidney disease should be those generally  
9 recognized through clinical practice guidelines which identify chronic kidney disease or its  
10 complications, based on the presence of kidney damage and level of kidney function.

11 (d) Medicaid providers shall be educated by the Bureau for Public Health in an effort to  
12 increase the rate of evaluation and treatment for chronic kidney disease. Providers should be  
13 made aware of:

14 (†) (1) Managing risk factors, which prolong kidney function or delay progression to kidney  
15 replacement therapy;

16           (ii) (2) Managing risk factors for bone disease and cardiovascular disease associated with  
17 chronic kidney disease;

18           (iii) (3) Improving nutritional status of chronic kidney disease patients; and

19           (iv) (4) Correcting anemia associated with chronic kidney disease.

20           (e) In the event that Rural Health Transformation Program funding for self-measured blood  
21 pressure validated devices has been expended, a Medicaid enrollee who is eligible for services  
22 shall receive a self-measured blood pressure validated device: *Provided*, That the enrollee is  
23 pregnant or within the 12-month post-partum pregnancy time frame and has been diagnosed with  
24 uncontrolled hypertension.

25           (f) In accordance with the Rural Health Transformation Program, the Bureau for Medical  
26 Services shall draft a state plan amendment to include coverage for home blood pressure  
27 monitoring which shall have specific requirements for the following:

28           (1) Providing coverage for a self-measured blood pressure device validated by the United  
29 States Blood Pressure Validated Listing;

30           (2) Providing coverage for an extra blood pressure cuff; and

31           (3) Providing reimbursement for a self-measured blood pressure validated device and  
32 related services; including, but not limited to, training patients, interpretation of readings, and the  
33 costs of delivering co-interventions.