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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

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6 By: Representative Pilkington

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REMOTE ULTRASOUND  
11 PROCEDURES AND REMOTE FETAL NONSTRESS TESTS IN THE  
12 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 13 14 15 Subtitle

16 TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REMOTE  
17 ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES AND REMOTE FETAL  
18 NONSTRESS TESTS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
19 PROGRAM.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 20-77-153. Reimbursement for remote ultrasound procedures and remote  
27 fetal nonstress tests.

28 (a)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for remote  
29 ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests utilizing established  
30 Current Procedural Terminology codes for remote ultrasound procedures and  
31 fetal nonstress tests when the patient is in a residence or other off-site  
32 location from the healthcare provider of the patient and the same standard of  
33 care is met.

34 (2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall apply to the fee-  
35 for-service categories of the program and any managed care plan within the  
36 program.

1       (b) A remote ultrasound and remote fetal nonstress test shall be  
2 reimbursable when the healthcare provider uses digital technology that:

3           (1) Collects medical and other forms of health data from a  
4 patient and electronically transmits the information securely to a healthcare  
5 provider in a different location for interpretation and recommendation;

6           (2) Is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and  
7 Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq., as it existed on  
8 January 1, 2025; and

9           (3) Is approved by the United States Food and Drug  
10 Administration.

11       (c) A remote fetal nonstress test shall be reimbursed under a Current  
12 Procedural Terminology code 5905 in the same manner as an in-person clinic  
13 fetal nonstress test with the place of service at home and shall use remote  
14 monitoring solutions that are approved by the United States Food and Drug  
15 Administration for on-label use for monitoring fetal heart rate, maternal  
16 heart rate, and uterine activity.

17       (d) The Department of Human Services shall:

18           (1) Apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan  
19 amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this section; and

20           (2) Adopt rules to implement this section.

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22       SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

23       (a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the  
24 Department of Human Services shall file the final rules with the Secretary of  
25 State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

26           (1) On or before January 1, 2026; or

27           (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1,  
28 2026, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

29       (b) The department shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative  
30 Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2026, so  
31 that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before  
32 January 1, 2026.

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35 Referred by Representative Pilkington

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