

CHRONIC CONDITIONS SUPPORT AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver to provide additional services for individuals with certain conditions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver to provide additional services for individuals with certain conditions; and
- ▶ creates a reporting requirement.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-430, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-18-430** is enacted to read:

26-18-430. Medicaid waiver for rural healthcare for chronic conditions.



- 28 (1) As used in this section:
- 29 (a) "Qualified condition" means:
- 30 (i) diabetes;
- 31 (ii) high blood pressure;
- 32 (iii) congestive heart failure;
- 33 (iv) asthma;
- 34 (v) obesity;
- 35 (vi) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; or
- 36 (vii) chronic kidney disease.
- 37 (b) "Qualified enrollee" means an individual who:
- 38 (i) is enrolled in the Medicaid program;
- 39 (ii) has been diagnosed as having a qualified condition; and
- 40 (iii) resides in a county of the fourth or fifth class as described in Section [17-50-501](#).
- 41 (2) Before January 1, 2024, the department shall apply for a Medicaid waiver with the
- 42 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the coverage described in
- 43 Subsection (3).
- 44 (3) If the waiver described in Subsection (2) is approved, the Medicaid program shall
- 45 contract with a single entity to provide coordinated care for the following services for one year
- 46 to each qualified enrollee:
- 47 (a) a telemedicine platform for the qualified enrollee to use;
- 48 (b) an in-home initial visit to the qualified enrollee;
- 49 (c) daily remote monitoring of the qualified enrollee's qualified condition;
- 50 (d) all services in the qualified enrollee's language of choice;
- 51 (e) individual peer monitoring and coaching for the qualified enrollee;
- 52 (f) available access for the qualified enrollee to video-enabled consults and
- 53 voice-enabled consults 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- 54 (g) in-home biometric monitoring devices to monitor the qualified enrollee's qualified
- 55 condition; and
- 56 (h) at-home medication delivery to the qualified enrollee.
- 57 (4) The Medicaid program may not provide the coverage described in Subsection (3)
- 58 until the waiver is approved.

59 (5) The department shall submit a report to the Health and Human Services Interim
60 Committee before November 30, 2025, detailing:

61 (a) the number of patients served under the waiver;

62 (b) the cost of the waiver or state plan amendment; and

63 (c) any benefits of the waiver or state plan amendment, including an estimate of:

64 (i) the reductions in emergency room visits or hospitalizations;

65 (ii) the reductions in 30-day hospital readmissions for the same diagnosis;

66 (iii) the reductions in complications related to qualified conditions; and

67 (iv) any improvements in health outcomes from baseline assessments.