



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6937

House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. GILCHREST of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY CHILDREN'S DIAPERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "medical necessity" means a determination by a physician or physician
3 assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an
4 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of
5 the general statutes that the provision of diapers to a child is medically
6 necessary to prevent or ameliorate (1) severe and persistent diaper
7 dermatitis, urinary tract infection or other disease of the skin related to
8 inadequate diaper hygiene, or (2) another health condition, including,
9 but not limited to, a developmental, psychiatric or neurological
10 condition, that results in an unusual need to void or delayed
11 developmentally appropriate toileting behavior.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
13 state plan to extend Medicaid coverage for diapers to children from
14 birth to age three deemed to have a medical necessity for diapers. Not

15 later than September 1, 2026, the commissioner shall file a report, in
16 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
17 with the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
18 cognizance of matters relating to human services on the (1) number of
19 children from birth to age three determined to have a medical necessity
20 for diapers in the previous fiscal year, (2) cost to the state to provide
21 Medicaid coverage for diapers for such children, and (3) estimated
22 savings on state Medicaid costs for treatment of potential health care
23 conditions averted by the provision of access to diapers covered by
24 Medicaid.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
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HS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	at least \$20 million	at least \$20 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a state Medicaid cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) of at least \$20 million annually due to expanding Medicaid coverage for medically necessary diapers for children ages three and younger.

For context, there were approximately 69,600 children ages three and under on Medicaid in September 2024. Based on the Medicaid fee schedule, diapers range in cost from \$0.48 to \$0.70 per diaper depending on size. For pediatric and youth sized diapers and pull-ups, coverage is currently limited to 250 per month. The estimate assumes a percentage of children within the relevant age group would meet the definition of medical necessity based on the conditions specified by the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6937*****AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY CHILDREN'S DIAPERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to amend the Medicaid state plan to provide Medicaid coverage for medically necessary diapers for children ages three or younger.

Under the bill, a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse must determine the diapers are medical necessary to prevent or treat (1) severe and persistent diaper dermatitis, urinary tract infection, or other skin disease related to inadequate diaper hygiene or (2) other health conditions, including developmental, psychiatric, or neurological conditions that cause an unusual need to void or delayed developmentally appropriate toileting behavior.

The bill requires the commissioner to report, by September 1, 2026, the following to the Human Services Committee:

1. the number of children ages three or younger determined to have a medical necessity for diapers in the prior fiscal year,
2. the cost to the state to provide Medicaid coverage for diapers for these children, and
3. estimated state Medicaid cost savings for treating potential health care conditions avoided by providing Medicaid-covered access to diapers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 3 (03/04/2025)