

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

## Raised Bill No. 6937

LCO No. **4429** 

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

## 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.

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

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide Medicaid coverage for medically necessary diapers for children.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]