

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Committee Bill No. 806

LCO No. **4105**

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

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, (1) 2 "emergency medical condition" means a medical condition, including 3 emergency labor and delivery, manifesting itself by acute symptoms of 4 sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that the absence of 5 immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in 6 (A) placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy, (B) serious 7 impairment to bodily functions, or (C) serious dysfunction of any bodily 8 organ or part; and (2) "emergency Medicaid coverage" means Medicaid 9 coverage for treatment of an emergency medical condition.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall expand emergency 11 Medicaid coverage consistent with federal law for treatment of 12 emergency medical conditions, including, but not limited to, emergency 13 medical conditions related to (1) a high-risk pregnancy, (2) diabetes 14 Type 1 in persons under the age of twenty-one, (3) diabetic emergencies, 15 including, but not limited to, diabetic ketoacidosis, (4) renal failure 16 requiring ongoing dialysis, (5) fracture of a bone in the skull, arm, neck, 17 leg, spine or pelvis occurring in the two-month period prior to a request 18 for emergency Medicaid coverage, (6) hypertensive emergencies 19 involving persons presenting with signs or symptoms of end organ 20 damage and systolic blood pressure equaling or exceeding one hundred 21 eighty or diastolic blood pressure equaling or exceeding one hundred 22 twenty, (7) unstable seizure disorder characterized by at least five 23 minutes of uncontrollable seizures or at least two discrete seizures 24 between which the person does not regain consciousness, (8) active 25 treatment for cancer related to a current diagnosis, (9) ventilator 26 dependency, (10) labor and delivery, and (11) acute inpatient or 27 outpatient psychiatric treatment.

28 (c) Not later than July 1, 2026, the commissioner shall establish an 29 administrative system for persons to apply in advance for emergency 30 Medicaid coverage for emergency medical conditions that can be 31 treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency 32 departments. The commissioner shall include a prominent link to the 33 application and a list of covered emergency medical conditions on the 34 Internet web site of the Department of Social Services. The 35 commissioner shall also include information about advance 36 applications for emergency Medicaid coverage and a list of covered 37 emergency medical conditions in department forms and policy 38 manuals.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | July 1, 2025 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To improve public health by maximizing use of Medicaid funding for treatment of certain emergency medical conditions.

[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.]

Co-Sponsors: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

<u>S.B. 806</u>