



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5482

File No. 427

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING TWELVE-MONTH COVERAGE FOR  
CONTRACEPTION AND HORMONE THERAPY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) The Commissioner of  
4 Social Services, to the extent permissible under federal law and within  
5 available appropriations, shall provide Medicaid coverage for a twelve-  
6 month supply of any prescribed contraceptive drug, device or product  
7 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and  
8 dispensed at one time if (1) the Medicaid enrollee or the enrollee's  
9 prescribing health care provider requests a twelve-month supply of  
10 such contraceptive drug, device or product, and (2) such enrollee has  
11 been using such contraceptive drug, device or product for six months or  
12 more immediately prior to the request for the twelve-month supply.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "infertility"  
14 has the same meaning as provided in guidance concerning an infertility  
15 definition issued in 2023 by the American Society for Reproductive

16 Medicine. There is established a task force to study infertility and access  
17 to fertility-related health care in the state.

18 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
20 who represents a nonprofit organization that provides reproductive  
21 health care services in southern New England communities;

22 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is  
23 a member of an advisory body to the Commission on Racial Equity in  
24 Public Health;

25 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives, who represents a national society of health care  
27 providers engaged in the practice of reproductive health care;

28 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a  
29 health care provider licensed in the state who specializes in  
30 reproductive endocrinology;

31 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
32 Representatives, who is a health care provider licensed in the state who  
33 specializes in reproductive endocrinology;

34 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is an  
35 advocate for consumer or patient rights to fertility-related health care;

36 (7) The House and Senate chairpersons of the joint standing  
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
38 relating to human services, or their designees, who shall serve as  
39 chairpersons of the task force;

40 (8) Two state residents who have received or plan to receive fertility-  
41 related health care in the state, appointed by the House and Senate  
42 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
43 having cognizance of matters relating to human services;

44 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
45 designee;

46 (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
47 designee;

48 (11) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;  
49 and

50 (12) The executive director of the Commission on Human Rights and  
51 Opportunities, or the executive director's designee.

52 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to  
53 (8), inclusive, may be a member of the General Assembly.

54 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
55 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. The chairpersons  
56 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
57 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
58 shall be filled by the appointing authority. Terms of task force members  
59 shall be coterminous with the appointing authority.

60 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
61 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
62 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

63 (f) The task force study shall include, but need not be limited to:

64 (1) Populations impacted by infertility, including how these  
65 populations are represented in the state's Medicaid population;

66 (2) Disparities in access to fertility-related health care, including how  
67 coverage for fertility-related health care can address such disparities;

68 (3) Fertility-related health care currently provided under the state's  
69 Medicaid program;

70 (4) Gaps in the provision and coordination of evidence-based

71 fertility-related health care that affect specific populations, including,  
72 but not limited to, Black, indigenous and other persons of color,  
73 immigrants, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual  
74 or allied persons and persons with disabilities;

75 (5) Medicaid models in other jurisdictions that provide access to  
76 evidence-based fertility-related health care services, including, but not  
77 limited to, counseling, diagnosis and treatment;

78 (6) Models for private and public funding of evidence-based fertility-  
79 related health care initiatives;

80 (7) Evidence-informed practices that promote the elimination of racial  
81 and ethnic disparities in the treatment of infertility, including  
82 counseling, diagnosis and treatment; and

83 (8) Financial models for reimbursement for fertility-related health  
84 care, including, but not limited to, Medicaid and private insurance.

85 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report  
86 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
87 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
88 human services, insurance and public health, in accordance with the  
89 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
90 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2027,  
91 whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section