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S. 801

To identify and address barriers to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17 (legislative day, MARCH 16), 2021

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Connected Maternal
5 Online Monitoring Act” or the “Connected MOM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF REMOTE PHYSIOLOGIC MONITORING**
2 **DEVICES AND IMPACT ON MATERNAL AND**
3 **CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES UNDER MED-**
4 **ICAID.**

5 (a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Con-
8 gress a report containing information on authorities and
9 State practices for covering remote physiological moni-
10 toring devices, including limitations and barriers to such
11 coverage and the impact on maternal health outcomes, and
12 to the extent appropriate, recommendations on how to ad-
13 dress such limitations or barriers related to coverage of
14 remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid pro-
15 grams, including, but not limited to, pulse oximeters, blood
16 pressure cuffs, scales, and blood glucose monitors, with
17 the goal of improving maternal and child health outcomes
18 for pregnant and postpartum women enrolled in State
19 Medicaid programs.

20 (b) STATE RESOURCES.—Not later than 6 months
21 after the submission of the report required by subsection
22 (a), the Secretary shall update resources for State Med-
23 icaid programs, such as State Medicaid telehealth toolkits,
24 to be consistent with the recommendations provided in
25 such report.