

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1053

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REMOTE ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES AND REMOTE FETAL NONSTRESS TESTS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REMOTE ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES AND REMOTE FETAL NONSTRESS TESTS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-153. Reimbursement for remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests utilizing established Current Procedural Terminology codes for remote ultrasound procedures and fetal nonstress tests when the patient is in a residence or other off-site location from the healthcare provider of the patient and the same standard of care is met.

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall apply to the fee-for-service categories of the program and any managed care plan within the program.

(b) A remote ultrasound and remote fetal nonstress test shall be reimbursable when the healthcare provider uses digital technology that:



(1) Collects medical and other forms of health data from a patient and electronically transmits the information securely to a healthcare provider in a different location for interpretation and recommendation;

(2) Is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025; and

(3) Is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(c) A remote fetal nonstress test shall be reimbursed under a Current Procedural Terminology code 5905 in the same manner as an in-person clinic fetal nonstress test with the place of service at home and shall use remote monitoring solutions that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for on-label use for monitoring fetal heart rate, maternal heart rate, and uterine activity.

(d) The Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this section; and

(2) Adopt rules to implement this section.

## SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

(a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the Department of Human Services shall file the final rules with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(1) On or before January 1, 2026; or

(2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2026, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(b) The department shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2026, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before January 1, 2026.