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Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:

On behalf of more than 235 member hospitals and health systems, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) **supports House Bill 1234**, sponsored by Representative La'Tasha Mayes. This legislation would provide Medicaid coverage for medically necessary home-use blood pressure monitors for pregnant or post-partum enrollees with eligibility as often as every two years.

With 97 percent of Pennsylvania births occurring in hospitals, our members are deeply committed to improving maternal and infant health. A strong example of this work is the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative, where 95 percent of the commonwealth's 79 birthing hospitals engage in ongoing, shared quality improvement initiatives.

Pregnancy is a dynamic experience with health conditions that can change rapidly and require timely intervention. While Medicaid currently covers one blood pressure monitor every five years, that coverage does not account for the clinical realities of pregnancy. Monitors may degrade over time, and each pregnancy can bring different medical needs. Providing coverage on a more frequent basis ensures that patients have access to accurate, appropriate at home tools during pregnancy which complements in office clinical care.

This legislation is a positive step forward and HAP looks forward to continuing to work with the General Assembly to expand access to high-quality maternal health care.

Please vote yes on House Bill 1234.

Contact <u>me</u> or <u>Sarah Lawver</u>, HAP's senior director, state advocacy, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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