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Honorable 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) writes in support of House Bill 1088, sponsored by Representative Mandy Steele. This legislation would require insurance coverage of blood pressure monitors for home use for individuals who qualify, on a per-pregnancy basis.

With 97 percent of births Pennsylvania taking place in hospitals, HAP is proud to partner with the Pennsylvania General Assembly to address maternal mortality and morbidity across the commonwealth. Our hospitals are deeply committed to safe and healthy pregnancies, with 95 percent of the state's 79 birthing hospitals participating in the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative to improve outcomes and share best practices. Four out of five pregnancy-related deaths are preventable, and preeclampsia—high blood pressure during pregnancy—is a leading cause of maternal mortality and can result in severe complications, including stroke. Timely monitoring and intervention are critical.

HAP urges your **support of House Bill 1088** to help ensure equitable access to a simple, effective intervention that will save lives.

Please contact [me](#) or [Sarah Lawver](#), HAP's senior director, state advocacy, with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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