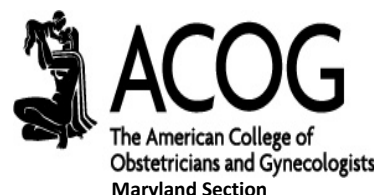




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**RE:** **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1078 – *Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Remote Fetal Nonstress Tests*

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On behalf of The Maryland State Medical Society and the Maryland Section of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, we **support** House Bill 1078.

House Bill 1078 requires Medicaid to provide coverage for remote ultrasound and fetal nonstress tests if the patient is in a residence or location other than the office of the patient’s provider and the provider follows the same standard of care that would be followed if the services were provided on-site. These remote services are currently covered by multiple payers.

Currently, Medicaid covers both ultrasounds and fetal nonstress tests. Because the bill requires the same standard of care, coverage for remote ultrasound and fetal nonstress testing is consistent with Medicaid coverage for many other services that are now authorized to be provided via telehealth. Passage of House Bill 1078 will address access to care challenges when a pregnant patient is unable to come to the provider’s office, but the testing is necessary based on standard of care. Enhancing maternal child health outcomes and access to care have been priorities for this General Assembly. Passage of House Bill 1078 aligns with those priorities. A favorable report is requested.

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