

Senate Bill 217

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance, so as to provide for respiratory syncytial virus prophylaxis injections to infants; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-152.6.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Infant' means a child younger than 24 months of age.

(2) 'Respiratory syncytical virus prophylaxis' means measures taken to prevent respiratory syncytical virus or any common virus that can cause respiratory infections in infants, including but not limited to bronchitis and pneumonia.

(b) The department shall make injections for respiratory syncytical virus prophylaxis available to any infant who is a recipient of medical assistance.

(c) The department shall use the assignment of benefit methodology for providers of medical assistance in the administration of such injections for respiratory syncytical virus prophylaxis."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.