

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1037

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 111n.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 111N. (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A NEW INTERPRETATION  
2 OF EXISTING MEDICAID PROVIDER POLICY DIRECTLY AFFECTING NURSING  
3 FACILITY MEDICAID COST REPORTS, THAT CHANGE IN POLICY MUST HAVE A  
4 PROSPECTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE. A POLICY MAY HAVE A RETROSPECTIVE  
5 EFFECTIVE DATE AS PART OF A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVAL OR WAIVER  
6 APPROVAL, OR IF REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, FEDERAL LAW, OR JUDICIAL  
7 RULING.

8           (2) BY JULY 1, 2019, BUT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2019, THE  
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL REVISE THE MEDICAID NONAVAILABLE BED PLAN POLICY

1 TO ALLOW A NURSING FACILITY TO REMOVE BEDS FROM SERVICE FOR UP TO 5  
2 YEARS. AS PART OF THE REVISED NONAVAILABLE BED PLAN POLICY, ALL OF  
3 THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

4 (A) A NURSING FACILITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO REMOVE ALL BEDS FROM  
5 A ROOM.

6 (B) THE BEDS PLACED IN A NONAVAILABLE BED PLAN MAY BE FROM  
7 NONCONTIGUOUS ROOMS.

8 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW THE ENTIRE NURSING FACILITY TO  
9 BE UTILIZED DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE NURSING FACILITY HAS A BED  
10 IN THE NONAVAILABLE BED PLAN, BUT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE ASSOCIATED  
11 WITH EACH NONAVAILABLE BED IS NONREIMBURSABLE ON THE MEDICAID COST  
12 REPORT.

13 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO AUTOMATICALLY  
14 CHANGE THE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT TYPE AND MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT  
15 STATUS IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AUTOMATED MEDICAID PROCESSING SYSTEM  
16 (CHAMPS) IMMEDIATELY WHEN A FILING HAS BEEN MADE BY A HEALTH  
17 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO DISENROLL A NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT  
18 FROM A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND THE RESIDENT HAS  
19 COMPLETED 45 DAYS OF SKILLED CARE AT A NURSING FACILITY. THE  
20 DEPARTMENT MAY UTILIZE A FILING TO DISENROLL A NURSING FACILITY  
21 RESIDENT FROM A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, ADMISSION AND  
22 DISCHARGE DATA ENTERED BY A NURSING FACILITY IN CHAMPS, OR  
23 AUTOMATED ADMISSION, DISCHARGE, AND TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS TO VERIFY  
24 THE 45-DAY LIMIT.

25 (4) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A REQUEST FROM A NURSING  
26 FACILITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERFORM A SECONDARY REVIEW OF A  
27 DENIED RATE EXCEPTION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RATE RELIEF,

1 OR APPLICATION OF A CLASSWIDE AVERAGE RATE. THE SECONDARY REVIEW  
2 MUST BE PERFORMED BY DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO ARE SEPARATE FROM THE  
3 DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO PERFORMED THE INITIAL REVIEW DETERMINATION.

4 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFER A QUARTERLY MEETING AND INVITE  
5 APPROPRIATE NURSING FACILITY STAKEHOLDERS. APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS  
6 SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH NURSING FACILITY  
7 PROVIDER TRADE ASSOCIATION, THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN, AND  
8 ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVES. INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THESE  
9 QUARTERLY MEETINGS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, MAY  
10 DESIGNATE ADVISORY WORKGROUPS TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE  
11 DISCUSSION TOPICS THAT SHOULD INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) SEEKING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TO THE COST REPORT AUDIT AND  
13 SETTLEMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING CLARIFICATION TO PROCESS-RELATED  
14 POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS THAT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE  
15 FOLLOWING:

16 (i) IMPROVING THE AUDITORS' AND PROVIDERS' QUALITY AND  
17 PREPAREDNESS.

18 (ii) ENHANCED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN APPLICABLE PARTIES SUCH AS  
19 DEPARTMENT STAFF, CONSULTANTS, AND PROVIDERS.

20 (iii) IMPROVING MEDICAID PROVIDERS' ABILITY TO PROVIDE  
21 AUDITABLE DOCUMENTATION ON A TIMELY BASIS.

22 (B) PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN PROVIDERS AND DEPARTMENT  
23 STAFF, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, APPLYING REGULATIONS AND  
24 POLICY IN AN ACCURATE, CONSISTENT, AND TIMELY MANNER AND EVALUATING  
25 CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO RESOLVE ANY IDENTIFIED  
26 PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.