

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5178**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled
"Mental health code,"
(MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 206b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 206b. (1) The department shall do all of the following:**

2 **(a) Establish, maintain, and revise, as necessary, a uniform**
3 **community mental health services credentialing program for state**
4 **department or agency use as required in this section. The state**
5 **department's or agency's credentialing and recredentialing process**
6 **must be compliant with national standards. The department may**
7 **consult with other state departments and agencies that are required**
8 **to comply with the program established under this section.**

9 **(b) Ensure that the uniform credentialing program does all of**



1 the following:

2 (i) Creates uniformity in this state to streamline providing
3 community mental health services by state departments and agencies
4 and to enhance workforce development, training education, and
5 service delivery.

6 (ii) Eliminates hardship surrounding the functioning and
7 operating of community mental health services provided by state
8 departments and agencies to residents of this state.

9 (iii) Establishes a uniform credentialing requirement for
10 individuals who provide community mental health services through a
11 state department or agency, by requiring providers of community
12 mental health services to establish, maintain, revise, and make
13 available, as necessary, a profile as maintained by the department
14 that contains information necessary for the community mental health
15 services credentialing process, which must adhere to national
16 standards from accrediting bodies such as the Joint Commission,
17 Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, Council
18 on Accreditation, National Committee for Quality Assurance, or
19 other credible body as approved by the department.

20 (iv) Promotes policies that support adequate staffing and
21 evidence-based skills or training to meet the needs of the
22 residents of this state and the state departments and agencies that
23 provide community mental health services.

24 (v) Complies with the national certification standards for
25 community mental health counselors and professionals.

26 (vi) Meets the needs of the populations served by each state
27 department or agency that provides, either directly or through a
28 contract, community mental health services to residents of this
29 state.



1 (c) By 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act
2 that added this section and annually after that date, submit a
3 report to the legislature that describes its activities under this
4 section, including the establishment of and any revisions to the
5 uniform credentialing program.

6 (2) A state department or agency that provides, either
7 directly or through a contract, community mental health services to
8 residents of this state must comply with the uniform credentialing
9 program and utilize the provider information profile maintained by
10 the department as provided in subsection (1). On and after the date
11 the uniform credentialing program is certified by the director of
12 the department as in full force and effect, the state department or
13 agency subject to this subsection must ensure that all of the
14 forms, processes, and contracts it uses that relate to providing
15 community mental health services comply with the uniform
16 credentialing program. This section does not apply to health plans
17 under contract with this state to provide services under the
18 Medicaid program or health plans or insurers regulated by the
19 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302.
20 Health plans under contract with this state to provide services
21 under the Medicaid program or health plans regulated by the
22 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302, may
23 use plan-specific processes and are not required to use the uniform
24 community mental health services credentialing process established
25 by the department.

26 (3) The credentialing and recredentialing process must be
27 conducted and documented for at least the following health care
28 professionals:

29 (a) Physicians.



1 (b) Physician's assistants.

2 (c) Psychologists.

3 (d) Licensed master's social workers, licensed bachelor's
4 social workers, and social service technicians as those terms are
5 defined in section 18501 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
6 MCL 333.18501.

7 (e) A social worker granted a limited license under section
8 18509 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18509.

9 (f) Licensed professional counselors.

10 (g) Nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and licensed
11 practical nurses.

12 (h) Occupational therapists and occupational therapist
13 assistants as those terms are defined in section 18301 of the
14 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18301.

15 (i) Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants as
16 those terms are defined in section 17801 of the public health code,
17 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17801.

18 (j) Speech language pathologists as that term is defined in
19 section 17601 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
20 333.17601.

21 (4) The department may establish policy and promulgate rules
22 to implement this section according to the administrative
23 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

24 (5) As used in this section:

25 (a) "Community mental health services" means services provided
26 under a community mental health services program, including mental
27 health treatment and substance use disorder treatment.

28 (b) "Uniform credentialing program" or "program" means the
29 uniform community mental health services credentialing program



1 established, maintained, and revised as required in subsection
2 (1) (a) and includes recredentialing.

