

**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 206a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 206a. (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 in the data warehouse provided
14 by a national nonprofit alliance of health plans and related
15 associations that is a National Committee for Quality Assurance
16 certified credentialing verification organization containing
17 information necessary for the community mental health services
18 credentialing process, which must be compliant with National
19 Committee for Quality Assurance standards.

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.

17 (3) This section does not restrict or limit the credentialing
18 processes of health plans under contract with this state to provide
19 services under the Medicaid program.

20 (4) The credentialing and recredentialing process must be
21 conducted and documented for at least the following health care
22 professionals:

23 (a) Physicians.

24 (b) Physician's assistants.

25 (c) Psychologists.

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



1 (e) A social worker granted a limited license under section
2 18509 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18509.

3 (f) Licensed professional counselors.

4 (g) Nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and licensed
5 practical nurses.

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

9 (i) Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants as
10 those terms are defined in section 17801 of the public health code,
11 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17801.

12 (j) Speech language pathologists as that term is defined in
13 section 17601 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
14 333.17601.

15 (5) The department may establish policy and promulgate rules
16 to implement this section according to the administrative
17 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

18 (6) As used in this section:

19 (a) "Community mental health services" means services provided
20 under a community mental health services program, including mental
21 health treatment and substance use disorder treatment.

22 (b) "Uniform credentialing program" or "program" means the
23 uniform community mental health services credentialing program
24 established, maintained, and revised as required in subsection
25 (1) (a) and includes recredentialing.

