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EXPAND CARING PROGRAM

House Bills 5092 and 5095
Sponsor: Rep. Frank M. Fitzgerald
Committee: Insurance

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5092 AND 5095 AS INTRODUCED 8-22-91

House Bill 5092 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 555.1440) to require that all eligible children seeking enrollment in the Michigan Caring Program be enrolled in the program. (The Michigan Caring Program aims at providing basic health care coverage for low-income children without health insurance and not eligible for Medicaid. It is sponsored by the Health Care Education and Research Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and supported by private donations and public grants, with BCBSM providing free administrative services. Children are to be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis, although groups of ten or more fully sponsored children could take precedence. Children are also to be enrolled without regard to health status.) House Bill 5095 would amend the same act (MCL 555.1516) to specify that no plan or program that reimburses hospitals for approved medical diagnostic technology and facility construction, including the capital pass-through reimbursement program, could be funded unless all eligible children are enrolled in the Michigan Caring Program. If all eligible children are enrolled, funds not used for enrollment could be used to reimburse hospitals for approved medical diagnostic technology and facility construction. House Bill 5095 is tie-barred to House Bill 5092.

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