

# HOUSE BILL No. 5251

October 14, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Gire, Bennane, DeMars, Clack, Yokich, Pitoniak, Brown, Varga, Richard A. Young, Dobronski, Berman, Stopczynski, Jonker, Bartnik, Weeks, Ciaramitaro, Saunders, Jondahl, Gubow, Hickner, DeBeaussaert, Wallace, Anthony, Hood, Perry Bullard, Profit, Webb, Harder, Emerson, Kosteva, Baade, Kilpatrick and Barns and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to amend Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended

"The social welfare act,"

as amended, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 112a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, as  
2 amended, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the Michigan Compiled  
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 112a to read as follows:

4 SEC. 112A. (1) THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED  
5 IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN  
6 OF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR LESS IN CERTAIN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE INELI-  
7 GIBLE FOR MEDICAID.

1       (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES  
2 UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM TO A CHILD WHO IS BOTH OF THE  
3 FOLLOWING:

4       (A) LESS THAN THE AGE OF 19.

5       (B) LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD THAT HAS AN INCOME LESS THAN 200%  
6 OF THE POVERTY LEVEL.

7       (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICES UNDER THE  
8 BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM AS IT PROVIDES TO RECIPIENTS OF  
9 MEDICAID. IF A CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE OR HEALTH  
10 CARE COVERAGE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, INCLUDING MEDICAID, THE MED-  
11 ICAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM SHALL  
12 BE SECONDARY TO THAT INSURANCE OR COVERAGE.

13       (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE PROVIDERS OF MEDI-  
14 CAL SERVICES UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM IN THE SAME  
15 MANNER AND AT THE SAME RATES AS PROVIDERS ARE REIMBURSED PURSUANT  
16 TO MEDICAID. A PROVIDER OF MEDICAL SERVICES UNDER THE BETTER  
17 BEGINNINGS PROGRAM SHALL MEET THE SAME STANDARDS REQUIRED OF PAR-  
18 TICIPANTS IN MEDICAID AS TO LICENSURE, QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERV-  
19 ICES, FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, AND OTHER FACTORS DETERMINED BY  
20 THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT'S PAYMENT TO PROVIDERS OF MEDICAL  
21 SERVICES UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSIDERED  
22 PAYMENT IN FULL.

23       (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT AN ANNUAL ENROLLMENT  
24 FEE OF \$25.00 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES  
25 OR MORE THAN 185% AND LESS THAN 200% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL.

26       (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

1 (A) "MEDICAID" MEANS THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
2 ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 105.

3 (B) "POVERTY LEVEL" MEANS THE OFFICIAL POVERTY LEVEL ESTAB-  
4 LISHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.