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**BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM**

**House Bill 4510**

**Sponsor: Rep. Sharon Gire**

**Committee: Public Health**

**Complete to 4-20-93**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4510 AS INTRODUCED 3-17-93**

The bill would add a new section to the Social Welfare Act (Public Act 280 of 1939) to establish a "better beginnings" program in the Department of Social Services to provide certain medical services to children up to 18 years old living in households with incomes less than 200 percent of the official poverty level established by the federal government.

The program would provide the same services as the federal Medicaid program, would reimburse medical providers in the same way and at the same rates (which would be considered payment in full) as they are reimbursed under Medicaid, and would require providers to meet the same criteria (for example, with regard to licensure, quality of medical services, and financial accountability) as they do for Medicaid. Any other health care coverage would be primary. Households with incomes of more than 185 percent but less than 200 percent of the poverty level could be required to pay an annual enrollment fee of \$25 for each eligible child.

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