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**House
Legislative
Analysis
Section**

BLUES: REIMBURSE PROVIDERS

House Bill 4853
Sponsor: Rep. Nelson Saunders
Committee: Insurance

Complete to 9-21-93

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4854 AS INTRODUCED 6-15-93

The bill would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, which regulates Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to prohibit the corporation from:

-- Refusing to pay or refusing to reimburse for covered services performed by a health care provider operating within the scope of his or her licensure.

-- Refusing participation to a licensed health care provider because the provider is not affiliated with another health care provider.

The bill also would specify that if a group or nongroup certificate requires the prior approval or authorization of benefits for a health care service and the approval or authorization is given, then the benefits or reimbursement could not be denied because the service was rendered by a licensed health care provider so long as the provider was operating within the scope of practice of his or her licensure.

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