

HOUSE BILL No. 5715

March 26, 1998, Introduced by Reps. Thomas, Llewellyn, Hammerstrom, Scranton, Palamara and Schauer and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding part 94.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 94. HEPATITIS C EDUCATION

2 SEC. 9401. THIS PART SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE
3 "HEPATITIS C EDUCATION ACT".

4 SEC. 9403. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) ADD SUFFICIENT QUALIFIED STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE HEPATI-
6 TIS C EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 9405.

7 (B) PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR STAFF OF THE HEPATITIS
8 C EDUCATION PROGRAM.

9 (C) WORK TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
10 AVAILABLE TO HEPATITIS C PATIENTS.

1 (D) WORK WITH OTHER STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES,
2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS LEADERS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH
3 CARE AND HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND NATIONAL HEPATITIS C ORGAN-
4 IZATIONS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS AND MAXIMIZE STATE RESOURCES IN
5 THE AREAS OF PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT OF HEPATITIS
6 C.

7 (E) IDENTIFY AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, REPLICATE OR USE SUC-
8 CESSFUL HEPATITIS C PROGRAMS AND PROCURE RELATED MATERIALS AND
9 SERVICES FROM ORGANIZATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERTISE AND KNOWL-
10 EDGE OF HEPATITIS C.

11 SEC. 9405. (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A HEPATITIS C
12 EDUCATION PROGRAM.

13 (2) AS PART OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1),
14 THE DEPARTMENT MAY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES FOR RAISING
15 PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE CAUSES AND NATURE OF HEPATITIS C, PER-
16 SONAL RISK FACTORS, VALUE OF PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION, AND
17 OPTIONS FOR DIAGNOSING AND TREATING HEPATITIS C.

18 (3) AS PART OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1),
19 THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AND WORK WITH OTHER STATE AND LOCAL
20 AGENCIES IN PRESENTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PHYSICIANS AND
21 OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN THE MOST UP-TO-DATE, ACCURATE SCI-
22 ENTIFIC AND MEDICAL INFORMATION ON HEPATITIS C PREVENTION, DIAG-
23 NOSIS AND TREATMENT, THERAPEUTIC DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING
24 GUIDELINES FOR DETECTING AND TREATING THE DISEASE IN SPECIAL POP-
25 ULATIONS, RISKS AND BENEFITS OF MEDICATIONS, AND RESEARCH
26 ADVANCES.

1 (4) AS PART OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1),
2 THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONDUCT A STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO
3 IDENTIFY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
5 AND PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE.

6 (B) THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS ABOUT
7 HEPATITIS C.

8 (C) THE NEEDS OF HEPATITIS C PATIENTS AND OF THEIR FAMILIES
9 AND CAREGIVERS.

10 (D) NEEDS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

11 (E) THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HEPATITIS C PATIENTS.

12 (F) EXISTENCE OF HEPATITIS C TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

13 (G) EXISTENCE OF HEPATITIS C SUPPORT GROUPS.

14 (H) EXISTENCE OF HEPATITIS C REHABILITATION SERVICES.

15 (5) BASED ON THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTION
16 (4), THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND MAKE AVAILABLE A
17 LIST OF HEPATITIS-C-RELATED SERVICES AND HEPATITIS C HEALTH CARE
18 PROVIDERS WITH SPECIALIZATION IN SERVICES TO PREVENT, DIAGNOSE,
19 AND TREAT HEPATITIS C.

20 SEC. 9407. (1) THERE IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND
21 OF THIS STATE \$200,000.00 TO THE HEPATITIS C EDUCATION FUND CRE-
22 ATED IN SECTION 9409.

23 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL
24 GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES SERVICES AND
25 PROPERTY AND FUNDS FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE HEPATITIS C EDUCATION
26 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 9409.

1 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK A FEDERAL WAIVER OR WAIVERS
2 NECESSARY TO MAXIMIZE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
3 IMPLEMENT THE HEPATITIS C EDUCATION PROGRAM.

4 SEC. 9409. (1) THE HEPATITIS C EDUCATION FUND IS CREATED IN
5 THE STATE TREASURY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPEND THE FUND ONLY TO
6 CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS PART.

7 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DEPOSIT IN THE FUND ALL MONEY
8 RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 9407 AND ALL MONEY
9 RECEIVED BY THE FUND AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

10 (3) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE
11 FUND. INTEREST AND EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE
12 FUND. MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL
13 REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.