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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senators Hammerstrom, Johnson, Gougeon and Goschka

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1418

AN ACT to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 109g.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 109g. (1) The governor shall create a specialty services panel within the department of community health to review and make determinations regarding applications for participation submitted by community mental health services programs or other managing entities.

(2) The specialty services panel shall consist of the following members, appointed by the governor:

(a) The director of the department of community health or his or her representative.

(b) Two members who represent the department of community health, excluding an individual appointed under subdivision (a).

(c) The director of the department of management and budget or his or her representative.

(d) Four members who represent primary consumers or family members.

(e) Five members who represent other stakeholders, including, but not limited to, 1 representative each from the statewide advocacy organizations representing adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with substance abuse disorders, and individuals with developmental disabilities. At least 1 member appointed under this subdivision shall be a county commissioner.

(3) No member appointed under subsection (2)(d) or (e) shall provide direct services or represent providers who provide services for reimbursement under this act to an individual who qualifies for specialty services.

(4) Members of the specialty services panel shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later, except that, of the members first appointed, 4 shall serve for 1 year, 5 shall serve for 2 years, and 4 shall serve for 3 years.

(5) If a vacancy occurs on the specialty services panel, the governor shall make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(6) A member of the specialty services panel shall make known any matter in which that member has a potential conflict of interest.

(7) The specialty services panel shall remain in existence to serve in an advisory capacity to the director of the department of community health regarding performance and quality relating to medicaid specialty services and supports. The panel shall meet no less than 2 times a year. The panel shall have access to all aggregate quality management information gathered by the department of community health relating to the managing entities.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate.

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved

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Governor.