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House Bills 4777 and 4778

Sponsor: Rep. Paul DeWeese

**Committee: Insurance and Financial
Services**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4777 AND 4778 AS INTRODUCED 5-15-01

The bills would prohibit health insurers from requiring an insured to first obtain a referral from a primary care physician as a condition of covering dermatological services otherwise covered under a policy, certificate, or contract.

House Bill 4777 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.3406q) to apply to an expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy or certificate issued or renewed in this state by a commercial health insurer. House Bill 4778 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 550.1401i) to apply to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. The bills would take effect January 1, 2002.

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