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SENATE BILL No. 579

May 14, 2009, Introduced by Senators GEORGE, JANSEN, BIRKHOLZ and HARDIMAN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to promote the availability and affordability of health coverage in this state and to facilitate the purchase of that coverage; to create MI-Health; to provide for a determination of eligible health coverage plans; to provide for a determination of eligibility for assistance of certain enrollees; to provide for a health access surcharge; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officials and departments of this state; to provide for certain funds; to provide for the collection and disbursement of certain payments and surcharges; and to provide for certain reports.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART I MI-HEALTH

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "MI-Health act".

- 1 Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Board" means the cover Michigan board created in section
- **3** 5.
- **4** (b) "Carrier" means a health insurer, health maintenance
- 5 organization, or health care corporation.
- 6 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the office of
- 7 financial and insurance regulation.
- 8 (d) "Eligible health coverage plan" or "plan" means any
- 9 individual or nongroup contract, policy, or certificate of health,
- 10 accident, and sickness insurance or coverage issued by a carrier
- 11 that meets the eligibility requirements established by the board
- 12 under section 8 and is offered through MI-Health. Eliqible health
- 13 coverage plan does not include a contract, policy, or certificate
- 14 that provides coverage only for dental, vision, specified accident
- 15 or accident-only coverage, credit, disability income, hospital
- 16 indemnity, short-term or 1-time limited duration policy or
- 17 certificate of no longer than 6 months, long-term care insurance,
- 18 medicare supplement, coverage issued as a supplement to liability
- 19 insurance, and specified disease insurance that is purchased as a
- 20 supplement and not as a substitute for an eligible health coverage
- 21 plan. Eligible health coverage plan does not include coverage
- 22 arising out of a worker's compensation law or similar law,
- 23 automobile medical payment insurance, insurance under which
- 24 benefits are payable with or without regard to fault, coverage
- 25 under a plan through medicare, and coverage issued under 10 USC
- 26 1071 to 1110, and any coverage issued as a supplement to that
- 27 coverage.

- 1 (e) "Eligible individual" means an individual who is a
- 2 resident of the state who meets the eligibility requirements in
- 3 section 11.
- 4 (f) "MI-Health" means MI-Health created in section 5.
- 5 (q) "Fund" means the MI-Health fund created in section 19.
- 6 (h) "Health care corporation" means a health care corporation
- 7 operating pursuant to the nonprofit health care corporation reform
- 8 act of 1980, 1980 PA 350, MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704.
- 9 (i) "Health insurer" means a health insurer with a certificate
- 10 of authority under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
- 11 500.100 to 500.8302.
- 12 (j) "Health maintenance organization" means a health
- 13 maintenance organization with a license or certificate of authority
- 14 under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to
- **15** 500.8302.
- 16 (k) "Medicaid" means a program for medical assistance
- 17 established under title XIX of the social security act, 42 USC 1396
- **18** to 1396v.
- 19 (l) "Medicare" means the federal medicare program established
- 20 under title XVIII of the social security act, 42 USC 1395 to
- **21** 1395hhh.
- 22 (m) "MI-Health enrollee" or "enrollee" means an individual or
- 23 his or her dependent who is enrolled in a plan.
- 24 (n) "Premium assistance payment" means a payment of health
- 25 coverage premiums made by the board to a plan on behalf of a MI-
- 26 Health enrollee who is an eligible individual.
- (o) "Premium contribution payment" means a payment made by a

- 1 MI-Health enrollee or employer on behalf of a Mi-Health enrollee
- 2 toward an eligible health coverage plan.
- 3 (p) "Resident" means a person living in the state, including a
- 4 qualified alien as defined in 8 USC 1641, or a person who is not a
- 5 citizen of the United States but who is otherwise permanently
- 6 residing in the United States under color of law; provided,
- 7 however, that the person has not moved into the state for the sole
- 8 purpose of securing health coverage under this act.
- 9 (q) "Uninsured" means a resident who is not covered by a
- 10 health insurance or coverage plan offered by a carrier, a self-
- 11 funded health coverage plan, medicaid, medicare, or a medical
- 12 assistance program.
- Sec. 5. (1) MI-Health is created within the department of
- 14 community health and shall exercise its prescribed statutory
- 15 duties, powers, and functions independently of the director of the
- 16 department of community health. MI-Health is responsible for
- 17 facilitating the availability, choice, and purchase of eligible
- 18 health coverage plans by eligible individuals.
- 19 (2) MI-Health shall be governed by a board of directors called
- 20 the cover Michigan board consisting of the following 13 members:
- 21 (a) The director of the department of community health or his
- 22 or her designee.
- 23 (b) The director of the department of human services or his or
- 24 her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.
- (c) The commissioner or his or her designee.
- 26 (d) The deputy director for medical services administration or
- 27 his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting

- 1 member.
- 2 (e) Three members appointed by the governor with the advice
- 3 and consent of the senate, 1 of whom shall be a member in good
- 4 standing of the American academy of actuaries, 1 of whom shall be a
- 5 health economist, and 1 of whom shall represent a health care
- 6 corporation.
- 7 (f) Three members appointed by the senate majority leader, 1
- 8 of whom shall represent health maintenance organizations but shall
- 9 not be from a health maintenance organization owned by a health
- 10 care corporation, 1 of whom shall represent low-income health care
- 11 advocacy organizations, and 1 of whom shall represent health
- 12 professionals.
- 13 (g) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 14 representatives, 1 of whom shall represent the general public, 1 of
- 15 whom shall represent health insurers, and 1 of whom shall represent
- 16 hospitals.
- 17 (3) The members first appointed to the board shall be
- 18 appointed within 30 days after the effective date of this act.
- 19 Appointed board members shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a
- 20 successor is appointed, whichever is later, except that of the
- 21 members first appointed 2 shall serve for 1 year, 2 shall serve for
- 22 2 years, 2 shall serve for 3 years, and 3 shall serve for 4 years.
- 23 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the vacancy shall be
- 24 filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original
- 25 appointment. An appointed board member is eligible for
- 26 reappointment.
- 27 (5) The governor may remove a member of the board for

- 1 incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
- 2 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.
- 3 (6) The first meeting of the board shall be called by the
- 4 director of the department of community health, who shall serve as
- 5 chairperson. After the first meeting, the board shall meet at least
- 6 monthly, or more frequently at the call of the chairperson or if
- 7 requested by 7 or more members.
- 8 (7) Seven members of the board constitute a quorum for the
- 9 transaction of business at a meeting of the board. An affirmative
- 10 vote of 7 board members is necessary for official action of the
- 11 board.
- 12 (8) The business that the board may perform shall be conducted
- 13 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open
- 14 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
- 15 (9) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
- 16 retained by the board in the performance of an official function is
- 17 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
- **18** to 15.246.
- 19 (10) Board members shall serve without compensation. However,
- 20 board members may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
- 21 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as
- 22 board members.
- Sec. 7. The board shall do all of the following:
- 24 (a) Develop a plan of operation for MI-Health, which shall
- 25 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:
- 26 (i) Establishes procedures for MI-Health operations.
- (ii) Establishes procedures and criteria for the approval of

- 1 eligible health coverage plans as provided in section 8.
- 2 (iii) Establishes procedures for the enrollment of individuals
- 3 in plans.
- 4 (iv) Establishes procedures for appeals of eligibility
- 5 decisions as provided in section 13.
- 6 (v) Establishes and manages a system of collecting and
- 7 depositing into the fund all premium payments made by, or on behalf
- 8 of, MI-Health enrollees, including any premium payments made by
- 9 enrollees, employers, unions, or other organizations.
- 10 (vi) Establishes and manages a system for remitting premium
- 11 assistance payments to carriers.
- 12 (vii) Establishes and manages a system for remitting premium
- 13 contribution payments to carriers.
- 14 (viii) Establishes a plan for publicizing the existence of MI-
- 15 Health and MI-Health's eligibility requirements and enrollment
- 16 procedures.
- 17 (ix) Develops criteria for determining that certain health
- 18 coverage plans shall no longer be made available through MI-Health.
- 19 (x) Develops a standard application form for individuals
- 20 seeking to purchase or obtain health coverage through MI-Health,
- 21 and for eligible individuals who are seeking a premium assistance
- 22 payment that includes information necessary to determine an
- 23 applicant's eligibility under section 11, previous and current
- 24 health coverage, and payment method.
- 25 (b) Determine each applicant's eligibility for purchasing
- 26 health coverage offered by MI-Health, including eligibility for
- 27 premium assistance payments.

- 1 (c) Seek and receive any funding from the federal government,
- 2 departments or agencies of the state, private foundations, and
- 3 other entities.
- 4 (d) Contract with professional service firms as may be
- 5 necessary and fix their compensation.
- 6 (e) Contract with companies that provide third-party
- 7 administrative and billing services for health coverage products.
- 8 (f) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the
- 9 conduct of its business.
- 10 (q) Adopt an official seal and alter the same.
- 11 (h) Maintain an office at such place or places as it may
- 12 designate.
- (i) Sue and be sued in its own name.
- 14 (j) Approve the use of its trademarks, brand names, seals,
- 15 logos, and similar instruments by participating carriers,
- 16 employers, or organizations.
- 17 (k) Enter into interdepartmental agreements.
- 18 (l) Publish each year the premiums for eligible health coverage
- 19 plans.
- 20 (m) Subject to this act, review annually the publication of
- 21 the income levels for the federal poverty guidelines and devise a
- 22 schedule of a percentage of income for each 50% increment of the
- 23 federal poverty level at which an individual could be expected to
- 24 contribute a percentage of income toward the purchase of health
- 25 coverage and examine any contribution schedules, such as those set
- 26 for government benefits programs. The report shall be published
- 27 annually. Prior to publication, the schedule shall be reported to

- 1 the house of representatives and senate standing committees on
- 2 appropriations, health, and insurance issues.
- 3 Sec. 8. (1) MI-Health shall only offer eligible health
- 4 coverage plans that have been approved by the board.
- 5 (2) Each eligible health coverage plan offered through MI-
- 6 Health shall contain a detailed description of benefits offered,
- 7 including maximums, limitations, exclusions, and other benefit
- 8 limits. Each eligible health coverage plan shall reimburse health
- 9 care professionals and health facilities at medicare reimbursement
- 10 rates.
- 11 (3) No health coverage plan shall be offered through MI-Health
- 12 that excludes an individual from coverage because of race, color,
- 13 religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status,
- 14 health status, personal appearance, political affiliation, source
- 15 of income, or age.
- 16 (4) MI-Health shall offer a variety of health coverage plans.
- 17 To be approved by the board, a health coverage plan shall meet all
- 18 requirements of health coverage plans required under state law,
- 19 rule, and regulation except that, in order to satisfy the goal of
- 20 universal health care coverage in this state, the board may permit
- 21 a health coverage plan provided through MI-Health to not provide
- 22 for the coverages or offerings required under section 3406a, 3406b,
- 23 3406c, 3406d, 3406e, 3406m, 3406n, 3406p, 3406q, 3406r, 3425,
- 24 3609a, 3613, 3614, 3615, 3616, or 3616a of the insurance code of
- 25 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3406a, 500.3406b, 500.3406c, 500.3406d,
- 26 500.3406e, 500.3406m, 5003406n, 500.3406p, 500.3406q, 500.3604r,
- 27 500.3425, 500.3609a, 500.3613, 500.3614, 500.3615, 500.3616, and

- 1 500.3616a, or section 401b, 401f, 401g, 414a, 415, 416, 416a, 416b,
- 2 416c, 416d, or 417 of the nonprofit health care corporation reform
- 3 act of 1980, 1980 PA 350, MCL 550.1401b, 550.1401f, 550.1401g,
- **4** 550.1414a, 550.1415, 550.1416, 550.1416a, 550.1416b, 550.1416c,
- 5 550.1416d, and 550.1417. In making the determination of which
- 6 provisions of section 3406a, 3406b, 3406c, 3406d, 3406e, 3406m,
- 7 3406n, 3406p, 3406q, 3406r, 3425, 3609a, 3613, 3614, 3615, 3616, or
- 8 3616a of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3406a,
- 9 500.3406b, 500.3406c, 500.3406d, 500.3406e, 500.3406m, 500.3406n,
- 10 500.3406p, 500.3406q, 500.3604r, 500.3425, 500.3609a, 500.3613,
- 11 500.3614, 500.3615, 500.3616, and 500.3616a, or section 401b, 401f,
- 12 401g, 414a, 415, 416, 416a, 416b, 416c, 416d, or 417 of the
- 13 nonprofit health care corporation reform act of 1980, 1980 PA 350,
- 14 MCL 550.1401b, 550.1401f, 550.1401g, 550.1414a, 550.1415, 550.1416,
- 15 550.1416a, 550.1416b, 550.1416c, 550.1416d, and 550.1417, are not
- 16 required to be provided in a health coverage plan offered through
- 17 MI-Health, the board shall determine whether real cost savings will
- 18 be achieved and affordability maximized.
- 19 (5) Benefits provided in eligible health coverage plans for
- 20 MI-Health shall include, but are not limited to, all of the
- 21 following:
- 22 (a) Wellness services.
- 23 (b) Inpatient services.
- 24 (c) Outpatient services and preventive care.
- (d) Value-based pharmaceutical benefit.
- 26 (6) All of the following apply for adjusting premiums for an
- 27 eligible health coverage plan:

- 1 (a) A carrier may establish up to 5 geographic areas in this
- 2 state.
- 3 (b) A health care corporation shall establish geographic areas
- 4 that cover all counties in this state.
- 5 (7) The rates charged to individuals for eligible health
- 6 coverage plans may include rate differentials based only on age,
- 7 tobacco use, body mass index, and other healthy behaviors and only
- 8 if the differentials are supported by sound actuarial principles
- 9 and a reasonable classification system and are related to actual
- 10 and credible loss statistics or reasonably anticipated experience
- 11 in the case of new eligible health coverage plans.
- 12 (8) Eligible health coverage plans are subject to part II.
- 13 (9) The board shall approve as eligible a health coverage plan
- 14 that the board determines satisfies this section, provides good
- 15 value to residents, and provides quality medical benefits and
- 16 administrative services.
- 17 (10) The board may remove a health coverage plan from being
- 18 offered through MI-Health only after notice to the carrier.
- 19 Sec. 9. (1) MI-Health shall provide subsidies to assist
- 20 eligible individuals in purchasing eligible health coverage plans,
- 21 provided that subsidies shall only be paid on behalf of an eligible
- 22 individual who is enrolled in an eligible health coverage plan, and
- 23 shall be made under a sliding-scale premium contribution payment
- 24 schedule for enrollees.
- 25 (2) Premium assistance payments under MI-Health shall be made
- 26 as provided in this act and under a schedule set annually by the
- 27 board in consultation with the department of community health. The

- 1 schedule shall be published annually. If amounts in the fund are
- 2 insufficient to meet the projected costs of enrolling new eligible
- 3 individuals, the board shall impose a cap on enrollment in MI-
- 4 Health and shall notify the governor and the house of
- 5 representatives and senate standing committees on appropriations,
- 6 health, and insurance issues.
- 7 (3) An enrollee with a household income that does not exceed
- 8 200% of the federal poverty level shall only be responsible for a
- 9 copayment toward the purchase of each pharmaceutical product and
- 10 for use of emergency room services in acute care hospitals for
- 11 nonemergency conditions equal to that required of enrollees in the
- 12 medicaid program. The board may waive copayments upon a finding of
- 13 substantial financial or medical hardship. The premium shall not
- 14 exceed 5% of the enrollee's gross household income and no other
- 15 deductible or cost-sharing shall apply to an enrollee described in
- 16 this subsection.
- 17 (4) An enrollee with a household income that exceeds 200% of
- 18 the federal poverty level but does not exceed 300% of the federal
- 19 poverty level shall be responsible for a premium contribution
- 20 payment, and copayments, deductibles, or other cost-sharing
- 21 measures, that are reasonably established so as to encourage and
- 22 promote maximum enrollment.
- 23 Sec. 11. An uninsured individual is eligible to participate in
- 24 MI-Health if all of the following are met:
- 25 (a) The individual's household income does not exceed the
- 26 federal poverty levels established in section 9.
- 27 (b) The individual has been a resident of the state for the

- 1 previous 6 months.
- 2 (c) The individual is not eligible for any government program,
- 3 medicaid, medicare, or the state children's health insurance
- 4 program authorized under title XXI of the social security act, 42
- **5** USC 1397aa to 1397jj.
- 6 (d) The individual's or family member's employer has not
- 7 provided health coverage in the last 6 months for which the
- 8 individual is eligible. This subdivision does not apply if health
- 9 coverage was not provided due to the individual's or family
- 10 member's loss of employment, loss of eligibility for coverage due
- 11 to loss of employment hours, or loss of dependency status.
- 12 (e) The individual has not accepted a financial incentive from
- 13 his or her employer to decline his or her employer's subsidized
- 14 health coverage plan.
- Sec. 12. The board shall encourage eligible health coverage
- 16 plans to use incentives to provide health promotion, chronic care
- 17 management, and disease prevention. Incentives may include rewards,
- 18 premium discounts, or rebates or otherwise waive or modify
- 19 copayments, deductibles, or other cost-sharing measures. Incentives
- 20 shall be available to all similarly situated individuals, shall be
- 21 designed to promote health and prevent disease, and shall not be
- 22 used to impose higher costs on an individual based on a health
- 23 factor.
- Sec. 13. A resident who has applied to MI-Health has the right
- 25 to receive a written determination of eligibility and, if
- 26 eligibility is denied, a written denial detailing the reasons for
- 27 the denial and the right to appeal any eligibility decision,

- 1 provided the appeal is conducted pursuant to the process
- 2 established by the board.
- 3 Sec. 15. The board shall enter into interagency agreements
- 4 with the department of treasury to verify income data for
- 5 participants in MI-Health. The written agreements shall include
- 6 provisions permitting the board to provide a list of individuals
- 7 participating in or applying for an eligible health coverage plan,
- 8 including any applicable members of the households of those
- 9 individuals, who would be counted in determining eligibility, and
- 10 to furnish relevant information, including, but not limited to,
- 11 name, social security number, if available, and other data required
- 12 to assure positive identification. The department of treasury shall
- 13 furnish the requested information, including, but not limited to,
- 14 name, social security number, and other data to ensure positive
- 15 identification, name and identification number of employer, and
- 16 amount of wages received and gross income from all sources.
- 17 Sec. 17. (1) The board may apply a surcharge to all eligible
- 18 health coverage plans, which shall be used only to pay actual
- 19 administrative and operational expenses of MI-Health and so long as
- 20 the surcharge is applied uniformly to all eligible health coverage
- 21 plans. A surcharge shall not be used to pay any premium assistance
- 22 payments.
- 23 (2) Each carrier offering an eligible health coverage plan
- 24 shall furnish such reasonable reports as the board determines
- 25 necessary under this act, including, but not limited to, detailed
- 26 loss-ratio and experience reports that identify administrative cost
- 27 and medical charge trends.

- 1 Sec. 19. (1) The MI-Health fund is created within the state
- 2 treasury.
- 3 (2) Premium contribution payments and surcharges collected
- 4 under MI-Health shall be deposited into the fund. The health access
- 5 surcharge collected under part II shall be deposited into the fund.
- 6 The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any
- 7 source, including federal matching funds or stimulus funds, for
- 8 deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the
- 9 investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the
- 10 fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
- 11 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
- 12 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.
- 13 (4) Money in the fund shall be expended only as provided in
- 14 this act. The department of community health shall be the
- 15 administrator of the fund for auditing purposes.
- 16 Sec. 21. The board shall keep an accurate account of all MI-
- 17 Health activities and of all its receipts and expenditures and
- 18 shall annually make a report thereof at the end of its fiscal year
- 19 to the governor, to the house of representatives and senate
- 20 standing committees on appropriations, health, and insurance
- 21 issues, and to the auditor general. The auditor general may
- 22 investigate the affairs of MI-Health, may severally examine its
- 23 properties and records, and may prescribe methods of accounting and
- 24 the rendering of periodical reports. MI-Health is subject to annual
- 25 audit by the auditor general.
- 26 PART II HEALTH ACCESS SURCHARGE
- Sec. 31. As used in this part:

- 1 (a) "Paid claims" means all payments made by third-party
- 2 administrators or carriers, including payments made pursuant to a
- 3 service contract for administrative services or cost plus
- 4 arrangements under section 211 of the nonprofit health care
- 5 corporation reform act of 1980, 1980 PA 350, MCL 550.1211, for
- 6 health and medical services provided under individual, nongroup,
- 7 and group policies, certificates, or contracts delivered, issued
- 8 for delivery, or renewed in this state that insure or cover
- 9 residents of this state. If a carrier or third-party administrator
- 10 is contractually entitled to withhold certain amounts from payments
- 11 due to providers of health and medical services in order to help
- 12 ensure that the providers can fulfill any financial obligations
- 13 they may have under a managed care risk arrangement, the full
- 14 amounts due the providers before application of such withholds
- 15 shall be reflected in the calculation of paid claims. Paid claim
- 16 does not include any of the following:
- 17 (i) Claims-related expenses and general administrative
- 18 expenses.
- 19 (ii) Payments made to qualifying providers under a "pay for
- 20 performance" or other incentive compensation arrangement if the
- 21 payments are not reflected in the processing of claims submitted
- 22 for services rendered to specific covered individuals.
- 23 (iii) Claims paid by carriers and third-party administrators
- 24 with respect to dental, vision, specified accident or accidental
- 25 only coverage, credit, disability income, hospital indemnity, long-
- 26 term care insurance, medicare supplement, coverage issued as a
- 27 supplement to liability insurance, and specified disease insurance,

- 1 except that claims paid for dental services covered under a medical
- policy are included.
- 3 (iv) Claims paid for services rendered to nonresidents of this
- 4 state.
- 5 (v) Claims paid under retiree health benefit plans that are
- 6 separate from and not included within benefit plans for existing
- 7 employees.
- 8 (vi) Claims paid for services rendered to persons covered under
- 9 a benefit plan for federal employees.
- 10 (vii) Claims paid for services rendered outside of this state
- 11 to a person who is a resident of this state.
- 12 (b) "Claims-related expenses" includes the following:
- 13 (i) Payments for utilization review, care management, disease
- 14 management, risk assessment, and similar administrative services
- 15 intended to reduce the claims paid for health and medical services
- 16 rendered to covered individuals, usually either by attempting to
- 17 ensure that needed services are delivered in the most efficacious
- 18 manner possible or by helping those covered individuals to maintain
- 19 or improve their health.
- 20 (ii) Payments that are made to or by organized groups of
- 21 providers of health and medical services in accordance with managed
- 22 care risk arrangements or network access agreements, which payments
- 23 are unrelated to the provision of services to specific covered
- 24 individuals.
- 25 (c) "Health and medical services" includes, but is not limited
- 26 to, any services included in the furnishing of medical care, dental
- 27 care to the extent covered under a medical insurance policy,

- 1 pharmaceutical benefits, or hospitalization, including, but not
- 2 limited to, services provided in a hospital or other medical
- 3 facility; ancillary services, including, but not limited to,
- 4 ambulatory services; physician and other practitioner services,
- 5 including, but not limited to, services provided by a physician's
- 6 assistant, nurse practitioner, or midwife; and behavioral health
- 7 services, including, but not limited to, mental health and
- 8 substance abuse services.
- 9 Sec. 33. All carriers and third-party administrators shall pay
- 10 a health access surcharge that shall not exceed 1.8% on all paid
- 11 claims. All of the following apply to the health access surcharge:
- 12 (a) The surcharge applies to paid claims beginning July 1,
- **13** 2010.
- 14 (b) Surcharge payments shall be made monthly to the Mi-Health
- 15 fund beginning August 2010, are due not less than 15 days after the
- 16 end of the month, and shall accrue interest at 12% per annum on or
- 17 after the due date, except that surcharge payments for third-party
- 18 administrators for groups of 500 or fewer members may be made
- 19 annually not less than 60 days after the close of the plan year.
- 20 Sec. 35. The commissioner may suspend or revoke, after notice
- 21 and hearing, the certificate of authority of any carrier to
- 22 transact insurance in this state or the license of any third-party
- 23 administrator to operate in this state that fails to pay a health
- 24 access surcharge.
- 25 PART III REPORTS
- 26 Sec. 51. (1) By 18 months after the effective date of this
- 27 act, the board shall report on whether the health coverage plans

- 1 offered through MI-Health are affordable and competitively priced
- 2 in the individual market. In making this determination, the board
- 3 shall consider all of the following:
- 4 (a) The extent to which any carrier controls all or a portion
- 5 of the health coverage plan market.
- 6 (b) Whether the total number of carriers offering eligible
- 7 health coverage plans in this state is sufficient to provide
- 8 multiple options to individuals.
- 9 (c) Whether underwriting needs to be expanded or restricted
- 10 for MI-Health eligible health coverage plans.
- 11 (d) The availability of eligible health coverage plans to
- 12 individuals in all geographic areas.
- 13 (e) The overall rate level that is not excessive, inadequate,
- 14 or unfairly discriminatory.
- 15 (2) The report under subsection (1) shall be forwarded to the
- 16 governor, the clerk of the house, the secretary of the senate, and
- 17 all the members of the senate and house of representatives standing
- 18 committees on insurance and health issues.
- 19 Sec. 53. No later than 2 years after MI-Health begins
- 20 operation and every year thereafter, the board shall conduct a
- 21 study of MI-Health and the persons enrolled in eligible health
- 22 coverage plans and shall submit a written report to the governor
- 23 and the house of representatives and senate standing committees on
- 24 appropriations, health, and insurance issues on the status and
- 25 activities of MI-Health based on data collected in the study. The
- 26 report shall also be available to the general public upon request.
- 27 The study shall review all of the following for the immediately

- 1 preceding year:
- 2 (a) The operation, administration, and costs of MI-Health.
- 3 (b) What health coverage plans are available to individuals
- 4 through MI-Health and the experience of those plans including any
- 5 adverse selection trends. The experience of the plans shall include
- 6 data on number of enrollees in the plans, plans' expenses, claims
- 7 statistics, and complaints data. Health information obtained under
- 8 this act is subject to the federal health insurance portability and
- 9 accountability act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, or regulations
- 10 promulgated under that act, 45 CFR parts 160 and 164.
- 11 (c) The number of MI-Health enrollees and the total amount of
- 12 premium assistance payments made under each eligible health
- 13 coverage plan.
- 14 (d) The amount and reasonableness of a surcharge applied
- 15 pursuant to section 17 and its impact on premiums.
- 16 (e) Other information considered pertinent by the board.
- 17 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all
- 18 of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are enacted into
- **19** law:
- 20 (a) Senate Bill No. 580.

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22 (b) Senate Bill No. 581.

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