

# HOUSE BILL No. 4809

August 18, 2015, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled  
"Mental health code,"  
by amending section 208 (MCL 330.1208), as amended by 2012 PA 500.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 208. (1) Services provided by a community mental health  
2       services program shall be directed to individuals who have a  
3       serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or  
4       developmental disability.

5       (2) Services may be directed to individuals who have other  
6       mental disorders that meet criteria specified in the most recent  
7       diagnostic and statistical manual of mental health disorders  
8       published by the American ~~psychiatric association~~ **PSYCHIATRIC**  
9       **ASSOCIATION** and may also be directed to the prevention of mental  
10      disability and the promotion of mental health. Resources that have

1 been specifically designated to community mental health services  
2 programs for services to individuals with dementia, alcoholism, or  
3 substance use disorder or for the prevention of mental disability  
4 and the promotion of mental health shall be utilized for those  
5 specific purposes.

6 (3) Priority shall be given to ~~the provision of~~ **PROVIDING**  
7 services to individuals with the most severe forms of serious  
8 mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and developmental  
9 disability. Priority shall also be given to ~~the provision of~~  
10 **PROVIDING** services to individuals with a serious mental illness,  
11 serious emotional disturbance, or developmental disability in  
12 urgent or emergency situations. **PRIORITY SHALL ALSO BE GIVEN TO**  
13 **PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE ANY LEVEL OF MENTAL**  
14 **HEALTH TREATMENT AND WHO ARE PLACED BY THE DEPARTMENT INTO**  
15 **RESIDENTIAL FOSTER CARE. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "RESIDENTIAL**  
16 **FOSTER CARE" MEANS A CHILD CARING INSTITUTION OR A PRIVATE HOME AS**  
17 **THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.**

18 (4) An individual shall not be denied a service because an  
19 individual who is financially liable is unable to pay for the  
20 service.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
22 after the date it is enacted into law.