

# HOUSE BILL No. 5570

April 19, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Darany and Potvin and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 110a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 110A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AUTHORIZE CONTRACTED  
2 HEALTH PLANS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CLINICS TO PROVIDE  
3 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WITH AN ALTERNATIVE TO EMERGENCY  
4 DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND REASONABLE  
5 NONEMERGENCY HEALTH CARE.

6           (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT  
7 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

8           (3) THE PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHOULD INCLUDE  
9 VOUCHERS FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT TO PROVIDE TO THE

1 CLINIC UPON SEEKING NONEMERGENCY HEALTH CARE TREATMENT.

2 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

3 (A) "CLINIC" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A WALK-IN  
4 CLINIC, A CLINIC LOCATED IN A RETAIL STORE, AN URGENT CARE CLINIC,  
5 AND A PEDIATRIC URGENT CARE CLINIC.

6 (B) "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" MEANS A CONDITION FOR WHICH A DELAY IN  
7 TREATMENT MAY RESULT IN THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT'S DEATH OR  
8 PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT'S HEALTH.

9 (C) "NONEMERGENCY HEALTH CARE" MEANS CARE FOR A CONDITION THAT  
10 IS NOT A MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND NOT A PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY.

11 (D) "PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY" MEANS A CONDITION THAT MUST BE  
12 IMMEDIATELY TREATED TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY TO THE MEDICAL  
13 ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT OR TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

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