Legislative Analysis



MEDICAID PROVIDER CREDENTIALING PROGRAM

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House Bill 5487 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Edward J. Canfield, D.O.

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SUMMARY:

<u>House Bill 5487</u> would add Section 111m to the Social Welfare Act, which would require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to create, and managed care providers to comply with, a Medicaid Provider Credentialing Program. The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment. (Proposed MCL 400.111m)

The bill would require DHHS to do all of the following:

- Establish, maintain, and revise, as necessary, a Medicaid Provider Credentialing Program for providers of medical assistance. In complying with this requirement, DHHS may consult with medical services providers required to accept credentialing.
- Ensure that the Program creates uniformity, in order to streamline acceptance of medical service providers by contract health plans.
- Ensure that the Program establishes a uniform credentialing requirement for individuals who provide medical services through a contract health plan.
- Submit a report to the legislature describing the establishment of and any revisions to the Program. (The report would be submitted 6 months after HB 5487 takes effect and annually thereafter.)
- Ensure that all of its forms, processes, and contracts related to providing medical services comply with the Program.

Under the bill, a managed care provider that provides medical services to medical assistance recipients, either directly or through a contract, must comply with the Program.

Section 105 of the Act provides that, as used in Sections 105 to 112 of the Act, *provider* means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, corporation, institution, agency, or other legal entity, who has entered into an agreement of enrollment specified by the DHHS director.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5487 would increase one-time state administrative costs by a negligible amount in order to establish and implement a uniform Medicaid credentialing program. Once implemented, the bill would not have a fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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