

## CMHSP PREADMISSION SCREENING UNITS

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**House Bill 6355 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Graham Filler**  
**Committee: Health Policy**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 6355 would amend the Mental Health Code to require a community mental health services program (CMHSP) preadmission screening unit to assess an individual being considered for hospitalization within three hours after being notified by a hospital of a need for an assessment. The bill also would allow the assessment to be performed by a clinically qualified individual if the preadmission screening unit could not complete the assessment within the three-hour time frame.

Section 409 of the Mental Health Code requires each CMHSP to establish one or more preadmission screening units with 24-hour availability to provide assessment and screening services for individuals being considered for admission into in-patient or outpatient treatment programs. The address and phone number for the preadmission screening units must be provided by the CMHSPs to law enforcement agencies, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and hospital emergency rooms. A preadmission screening unit is required to assess an individual being considered for admission into a *hospital* operated by the DHHS or under contract with a CMHSP. If the individual is clinically suitable for hospitalization, the preadmission screening unit is required to authorize voluntary admission to the hospital.

As defined for purposes of the Mental Health Code, *hospital* means an inpatient program operated by DHHS for the treatment of individuals with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance or a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric unit licensed under section 137 of the code.

The bill would require that the assessment by the preadmission screening unit be performed within three hours after being notified for an assessment by a *hospital* as defined in the Mental Health Code (above) or by a hospital as defined in section 20106 of the Public Health Code.<sup>1</sup>

If the preadmission screening unit were unable to complete the assessment within three hours of being notified by a hospital, a *clinically qualified individual* could perform the assessment for the hospital, CMHSP, crisis stabilization unit, or any other entity under contract to perform assessment and screening services required under the act. The

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<sup>1</sup> Section 20106 defines "hospital" to mean a facility offering inpatient, overnight care, and services for observation, diagnosis, and active treatment of an individual with a medical, surgical, obstetric, chronic, or rehabilitative condition requiring the daily direction or supervision of a physician. The term does not include a mental health hospital licensed or operated by DHHS or a hospital operated by the Department of Corrections.

preadmission screening unit would be responsible for the costs of performing any assessment under this provision.

*Clinically qualified individual* would mean an individual who has, at a minimum, a master's level degree in a behavioral health specific profession.

Telehealth services could be used to complete the assessment described in section 409.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 330.1409 and 330.1972

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 6355 would have a negligible fiscal impact on the state and could increase local CMHSP fiscal costs to the degree in which each individual CMHSP's preadmission screening unit is not completing, within three hours, assessments of individuals being considered for admission into a hospital and instead a clinically qualified individual performs the assessment.

The local CMHSP fiscal impact will vary across each of the individual 46 CMHSPs as, during July 2020 through September 2020, the percentage of preadmission screenings that were completed by each CMHSP within three hours ranged from 93.5% to 100.0%, with a state aggregated average of 97.6%.

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