

HOUSE BILL NO. 4059

January 28, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Wendzel, Frederick, Mueller, Wozniak and Bezotte 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 109n.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 109n. (1) If the initial evaluation was completed by a
2 qualified licensed practitioner, a child with a confirmed diagnosis
3 of autism spectrum disorder is not required to have a re-evaluation
4 to determine continued eligibility for behavioral health treatment
5 unless a re-evaluation is medically necessary.

1 (2) As used in this section, "qualified licensed practitioner"
2 means 1 of the following:

3 (a) A physician with a specialty in psychiatry or neurology.

4 (b) A physician with a subspecialty in developmental
5 pediatrics, development-behavioral pediatrics, or a related
6 discipline.

7 (c) A physician with a specialty in pediatrics or other
8 appropriate specialty with training, experience, or expertise in
9 autism spectrum disorder or behavioral health.

10 (d) A psychologist with a specialty in clinical child
11 psychology, behavioral and cognitive psychology, or clinical
12 neuropsychology, or other appropriate specialty with training,
13 experience, or expertise in autism spectrum disorder or behavioral
14 health.

15 (e) A clinical social worker with at least 1 year of
16 experience working within his or her scope of practice who is
17 qualified and experienced in diagnosing autism spectrum disorder.

18 (f) An advanced practice registered nurse with training,
19 experience, or expertise in autism spectrum disorder or behavioral
20 health.

21 (g) A physician's assistant with training, experience, or
22 expertise in autism spectrum disorder or behavioral health.

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