SENATE BILL NO. 1201

October 13, 2022, Introduced by Senator MOSS and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled

"The social welfare act,"

(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 109o.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 109o. (1) The department must establish standards and guidelines to provide prenatal care services under the medical assistance program. In establishing the standards and guidelines, the department shall require the medical assistance program to be in coverage alignment with generally accepted standards of care by professional practice, including, but not limited to,

recommendations from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, and must consult with prenatal care providers and local experts in this field of medicine for coverage guidance.

(2) The standards and guidelines established under this section for providing noninvasive prenatal testing must not limit access, availability, or coverage for the test based on the age of the patient or baseline risk. All patients who are pregnant must be given access to this screening test according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics recommended guidelines.

(3) The standards and guidelines established under this section for providing expanded carrier screening must not limit access, availability, or coverage for the test based on family history or ethnic background. All pregnant patients and those planning a pregnancy must be given access to this screening test that is intended for use in a global population that encompasses over 100 inheritable autosomal recessive and X-linked conditions with a carrier frequency of approximately greater than or equal to 1/200 in any ethnic group.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Carrier frequency" means the proportion of individuals in a population who have a single copy of a specific recessive genetic variant.

(b) "Carrier screening" means the method used to identify couples or individuals who are at risk of having a child with an autosomal recessive or X-linked genetic disorder.