

HOUSE BILL NO. 4663

May 24, 2023, Introduced by Rep. Schmaltz and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 16279.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 16279. (1) A licensee or registrant who provides an**
2 **individual with prenatal care, postnatal care, or genetic**
3 **counseling shall provide the individual with the written**
4 **information described under subsection (2) at the time the licensee**

1 or registrant receives a test result or administers a screening for
2 that individual that indicates a high likelihood for or presence of
3 Down syndrome in a fetus or neonate of that individual.

4 (2) The department of health and human services shall develop
5 and make available to licensees and registrants who provide
6 individuals with prenatal care, postnatal care, or genetic
7 counseling written information on Down syndrome that meets all of
8 the following requirements:

9 (a) Is reviewed by medical experts.

10 (b) Provides all of the following information:

11 (i) A clinical course description of Down syndrome, including
12 the possible physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial
13 outcomes.

14 (ii) The options available for treatment and therapy for
15 conditions related to Down syndrome.

16 (iii) Projected life expectancies for individuals with Down
17 syndrome.

18 (iv) Contact information for support services for individuals
19 with Down Syndrome and their caregivers, including information
20 hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource centers, local and
21 national Down syndrome organizations, and other education,
22 advocacy, and support programs for Down syndrome.

23 (c) Is culturally and linguistically appropriate for a
24 caregiver of an individual with Down syndrome.

25 (3) The department of health and human services shall annually
26 update the written information described under subsection (2) and
27 shall make the information available on the department's website.

28 (4) If a person that provides services described under
29 subsection (2) (b) (iv) requests, the department of health and human

1 services may post the organization's contact information on the
2 department's website with the information described under
3 subsection (3).