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Senate Bill 107 (as reported without amendment)

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Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 34 (Disability Insurance Policies) of the Insurance Code to require an insurer that delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in Michigan a health insurance policy that provided coverage for immunization agents to provide coverage for all of the following, beginning January 1, 2026:

- -- A qualified immunizing agent listed on the Immunization Schedules of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that was administered by a pharmacist under Section 17724 of the Public Health Code, at a pharmacy within the insurer's network.
- -- A qualified laboratory test ordered by a pharmacist under Section 17724a of the Code, at a pharmacy within the insurer's network.
- -- A drug dispensed by a pharmacist as provided under Section 17724a of the Code, at a pharmacy within the insurer's network.

Proposed MCL 500.3406ss

BRIEF RATIONALE

On July 19, 2023, Public Act (PA) 97 codified Federal emergency orders issued during the COVID-19 pandemic that authorized pharmacists to administer immunization agents without doctor supervision. This was done, in part, to extend care to Michigan residents that were previously underserved by doctor's offices, such as those who lived in rural communities or who were poor; however, since PA 97's implementation, situations have arisen in which immunizations, COVID-19 tests, or influenza tests that patients want administered from a pharmacist are not covered under their insurance policies. Requiring insurance policies to cover certain vaccines, drugs, and tests ordered and administered by a pharmacist would help these individuals afford necessary medical services.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 993 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 993 passed the Senate but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Date Completed: 3-20-25 Fiscal Analyst: Nathan Leaman

¹ Senate Fiscal Agency, Enacted Analysis of Senate Bill 219 of 2023, 8-25-23. Available on the Michigan Legislature website: http://www.legislature.mi.gov.