HOUSE BILL NO. 4739

July 15, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Snyder, McFall, Brixie, Wilson, Miller, Xiong, Foreman, Breen, Hoskins and B. Carter and referred to Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act,"

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 109u. (1) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the department shall not put an age limit for coverage under the medical assistance program for diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

- 1 (2) Not later than 180 days after the effective date of the
- 2 amendatory act that added this section, the department shall
- 3 provide coverage under the medical assistance program for an
- 4 eligible individual who is 21 years of age or more for diagnosis of
- 5 autism spectrum disorders and treatment of autism spectrum
- 6 disorders. If required, the department shall apply for an amendment
- 7 to this state's Medicaid state plan to include the services
- 8 described under this subsection. The department shall promptly seek
- 9 and receive any necessary federal approval to include the services
- 10 described under this subsection.
- 11 (3) As used in this section:
- 12 (a) "Autism spectrum disorders" means any of the following
- 13 pervasive developmental disorders as defined by the Diagnostic and
- 14 Statistical Manual:
- 15 (i) Autistic disorder.
- 16 (ii) Asperger's disorder.
- 17 (iii) Pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.
- 18 (b) "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders" means
- 19 assessments, evaluations, or tests, including the autism diagnostic
- 20 observation schedule, performed by a licensed physician or a
- 21 licensed psychologist to diagnose whether an individual has 1 of
- 22 the autism spectrum disorders.