

HOUSE BILL NO. 5178

October 29, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Vaupel, Liberati and Frederick and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled
"Mental health code,"
(MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 206a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 **Sec. 206a. (1) The department shall do all of the following:**
2 **(a) Establish, maintain, and revise, as necessary, a uniform**
3 **community mental health services credentialing program for state**
4 **department or agency use as required in this section. The**
5 **department shall use the community mental health services**



1 credentialing program to implement the services described in
2 section 206 by contracting with a national nonprofit alliance of
3 health plans and related associations that is a National Committee
4 for Quality Assurance certified credentialing verification
5 organization that operates and maintains a common data warehouse
6 for providers to be used in the community mental health services
7 provider credentialing process. The state department's or agency's
8 credentialing and recredentialing process must be compliant with
9 National Committee for Quality Assurance standards. In complying
10 with this subsection, the department may consult with other state
11 departments and agencies that are required to comply with the
12 program established under this section.

13 (b) Ensure that the uniform credentialing program does all of
14 the following:

15 (i) Creates uniformity in this state to streamline providing
16 community mental health services by state departments and agencies
17 and to enhance workforce development, training education, and
18 service delivery.

19 (ii) Eliminates hardship surrounding the functioning and
20 operating of community mental health services provided by state
21 departments and agencies to residents of this state.

22 (iii) Establishes a uniform credentialing requirement for
23 individuals who provide community mental health services through a
24 state department or agency, by requiring providers of community
25 mental health services to establish, maintain, revise, and make
26 available, as necessary, a profile in the data warehouse provided
27 by a national nonprofit alliance of health plans and related
28 associations that is a National Committee for Quality Assurance
29 certified credentialing verification organization containing



1 information necessary for the community mental health services
2 credentialing process, which must be compliant with National
3 Committee for Quality Assurance standards.

4 (iv) Promotes policies that support adequate staffing and
5 evidence-based skills or training to meet the needs of the
6 residents of this state and the state departments and agencies that
7 provide community mental health services.

8 (v) Complies with the national certification standards for
9 community mental health counselors and professionals.

10 (vi) Meets the needs of the populations served by each state
11 department or agency that provides, either directly or through a
12 contract, community mental health services to residents of this
13 state.

14 (c) By 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act
15 that added this section and annually after that date, submit a
16 report to the legislature that describes its activities under this
17 section, including the establishment of and any revisions to the
18 uniform credentialing program.

19 (2) A state department or agency that provides, either
20 directly or through a contract, community mental health services to
21 residents of this state shall comply with the uniform credentialing
22 program and utilize the provider information in the data warehouse
23 as provided in subsection (1). On and after the date the uniform
24 credentialing program is certified by the director of the
25 department as in full force and effect, the state department or
26 agency subject to this subsection shall ensure that all of its
27 forms, processes, and contracts it uses and that relate to its
28 provision of community mental health services comply with the
29 uniform credentialing program.



1 (3) As used in this section:

2 (a) "Community mental health services" means services provided
3 under a community mental health services program, including
4 treatment and rehabilitation services.

5 (b) "Uniform credentialing program" or "program" means the
6 uniform community mental health services credentialing program
7 established, maintained, and revised as required in subsection
8 (1) (a).

