

Legislative Analysis



REPEAL HEALTHY MICHIGAN PLAN WORK REQUIREMENTS

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House Bill 4224 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Julie M. Rogers
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4224 would repeal sections 107a and 107b of the Social Welfare Act, which were added by 2018 PA 208. Under a waiver granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the 2018 legislation created workforce engagement requirements for beneficiaries enrolled in the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP), Michigan's Medicaid expansion program, and established reporting and verification criteria for those required to prove their compliance with those workforce engagement requirements.

Under the legislation, most Medicaid beneficiaries who were 19 to 62 years of age were required to work 80 hours a month or engage in such activities as job training, unpaid internships, participation in substance use disorder treatment, or community service. Noncompliance with the workforce engagement requirements could result in the loss of health care coverage for at least one month and prohibit a beneficiary from reenrolling until they became compliant. Some exemptions from the work requirements were provided.

However, on March 4, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued an order that vacated CMS's approval of the waiver that provided the basis for the state to establish work requirements under the HMP. Without the waiver, the requirements of sections 107a and 107b could not be implemented.

MCL 400.107a and 400.107b

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would have no fiscal impact. Due to court order, Medicaid work requirements were never implemented.

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