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MEDICAL CARE REIMBURSEMENTS

House Bills 4197-4199

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4197-4199 AS INTRODUCED 2-16-89

The bills would amend various acts with regard to who is to reimburse whom when more than one source of funds (e.g., Medicaid, crime victim's compensation, insurance) might be available to pay for a person's medical care.

House Bill 4197 would amend the crime victim's compensation act to specify that compensation for a victim's medical care could be paid directly to a health care provider participating in a resident county hospitalization program. However, payment could not be made until after it was determined that the provider had not already been paid by the hospitalization program. In addition, the bill would specify that Medicaid funds are to be considered public funds for the purposes of computing awards (an award is reduced by the amount of payment received from several sources, including public funds).

MCL 18.361

House Bill 4198 would amend the Social Welfare Act to authorize administrative sanctions against a Medicaid provider who did either of the following: continued to submit duplicate claims for which reimbursement had already been received (providing that the Department of Social Services had told the provider to stop); or, received reimbursement from any other source after receiving Medicaid payment and failed to refund the appropriate amount to the department.

MCL 400.111h

House Bill 4199 would amend the section of the Insurance Code dealing with the assigned claims facility. It would require an auto insurer to which a claim had been assigned, or the facility itself, to determine whether an accident victim receiving personal protection benefits had also received medical services under Medicaid or a resident county hospitalization program. If the person had received services under a program for medical assistance, the insurer or facility would first reimburse the program before paying the person claiming personal protection insurance benefits.

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