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House Bill 4714-4715

Sponsor: Rep. Nelson W. Saunders

Committee: Insurance

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4714-4715 AS INTRODUCED 4-26-89

Health insurers, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, are required to provide coverage for intermediate and outpatient care for substance abuse in all group and individual policies or certificates, with certain exceptions. The terms "intermediate care" and "outpatient care" are both defined so as to include, among other things, counseling. The bills would specify that the counseling covered would include "family counseling and intervention."

House Bill 4714 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, which regulates Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. House Bill 4715 would amend the Insurance Code to apply to commercial insurers. The bills are tie-barred.

MCL 550.1414a (House Bill 4714)

MCL 500.3425 (House Bill 4715)

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