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Sponsor: Rep. Teola Hunter
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6025 AS INTRODUCED 9-13-90

The bill would amend the Health Care Corporation Reform Act, which regulates Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to create the "Michigan Caring Program," which would provide primary health care coverage for children without charge. The program would be funded by private donations and public grants, and the health care corporation would provide administrative services to the program free of charge.

A child residing in the state would be eligible to enroll in the program if he or she was: under 19 years of age; unmarried; the child or stepchild living with a parent or stepparent whose income is 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level (or the ward of a legal guardian of that income level); ineligible for Medicaid; enrolled in the program with all other eligible siblings; and enrolled in school if of school age.

The program would provide payment only for the following benefits: doctor office visits for a sick child; medically necessary outpatient diagnostic tests; emergency medical and accident care in a doctor's office or hospital's emergency room; medically necessary outpatient surgery and anesthesia; and preventive care, including immunizations and well-child visits to a doctor's office.

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