

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 500**

A bill to ensure access to quality complex rehabilitation technology in the Medicaid program for people with complex medical needs; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "complex needs patient
2 act".

3 Sec. 5. The department shall establish focused policies and
4 promulgate focused rules for complex rehabilitation technology
5 products and services. The focused policies and rules must take
6 into consideration the individually configured nature of complex
7 rehabilitation technology and the broad range of services necessary
8 to meet the unique medical and functional needs of an individual



1 with complex medical needs by doing all of the following:

2 (a) Designating specific HCPCS billing codes for complex
3 rehabilitation technology and any new codes in the future as
4 appropriate.

5 (b) Establishing specific supplier standards for a company or
6 entity that provides complex rehabilitation technology and
7 restricting providing complex rehabilitation technology to only a
8 qualified complex rehabilitation technology supplier or an
9 individual, company, or entity approved by the department, but only
10 if a qualified complex rehabilitative technology supplier is
11 unavailable.

12 (c) Requiring a complex needs patient receiving a complex
13 rehabilitation manual wheelchair, power wheelchair, or seating
14 component to be evaluated by both of the following:

15 (i) A qualified health care professional.

16 (ii) A qualified complex rehabilitation technology
17 professional.

18 (d) Maintaining payment policies and rates for complex
19 rehabilitation technology to ensure payment amounts are adequate to
20 provide complex needs patients with access to those items. These
21 policies and rates must take into account the significant
22 resources, infrastructure, and staff needed to appropriately
23 provide complex rehabilitation technology to meet the unique needs
24 of a complex needs patient.

25 (e) Exempting the related complex rehabilitation technology
26 HCPCS billing codes from inclusion in bidding, selective
27 contracting, or similar initiative.

28 (f) Requiring that managed care Medicaid plans adopt the
29 regulations and policies outlined in this act and include these



1 regulations and policies in their contracts with qualified complex
2 rehabilitation technology suppliers.

3 (g) Making other changes as needed to protect access to
4 complex rehabilitation technology for complex needs patients.

5 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless
6 Senate Bill No. 499 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.

