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MANDATORY HOSPITAL STAY FOR MASTECTOMY & LYMPH NODE DISSECTION

House Bill 4691

Sponsor: Rep. Rose Bogardus

House Bill 4692

Sponsor: Rep. Nancy Quarles

House Bill 4693

Sponsor: Rep. A.T. Frank

Committee: Insurance

Complete to 7-28-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4691-4693 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-97

The bills would require health insurance policies and similar certificates and contracts that provide mastectomy or lymph node dissection coverage for the treatment of breast cancer to provide, at a minimum, coverage for 48 hours of inpatient hospital services following a mastectomy and 24 hours of inpatient hospital services following a lymph node dissection.

Insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan would be required to provide prominent written notice to customers about the required coverage in the first mailing to the customer after the effective date of the bills or on January 1, 1998, whichever was earliest.

House Bill 4691 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.21054u) to apply to group and individual contracts of health maintenance organizations (HMOs). House Bill 4692 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 550.1418) to apply to group and nongroup certificates of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. House Bill 4693 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.3406j) to apply to expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policies and certificates of commercial health insurance companies.

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