

HOUSE BILL No. 5098

December 1, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Vaupel, Sheppard, Jenkins and Bizon and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5822.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 5822. (1) UPON RECEIPT OF A POSITIVE PRENATAL OR
2 POSTNATAL TEST RESULT OR DIAGNOSIS OF SPINA BIFIDA, A HEALTH
3 FACILITY OR AGENCY LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 17 OR A PHYSICIAN, HEALTH
4 CARE PROVIDER, NURSE MIDWIFE, OR GENETIC COUNSELOR THAT RENDERS
5 PRENATAL CARE, POSTNATAL CARE, OR GENETIC COUNSELING, SHALL GIVE
6 THE EXPECTANT OR NEW PARENT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE
7 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND DESCRIBED IN
8 SUBSECTION (2).

9 (2) THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL

1 MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON WHO RENDERS PRENATAL CARE, POSTNATAL
2 CARE, OR GENETIC COUNSELING TO PARENTS WHO RECEIVE A PRENATAL OR
3 POSTNATAL DIAGNOSIS OF SPINA BIFIDA AND TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS
4 RECEIVED A POSITIVE TEST RESULT FROM A TEST FOR SPINA BIFIDA, ALL
5 OF THE FOLLOWING:

6 (A) UP-TO-DATE, EVIDENCE-BASED, WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT
7 SPINA BIFIDA THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS AND SPINA
8 BIFIDA ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON PHYSICAL,
9 DEVELOPMENTAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTCOMES, LIFE
10 EXPECTANCY, CLINICAL COURSE, INTELLECTUAL AND FUNCTIONAL
11 DEVELOPMENT, AND TREATMENT OPTIONS.

12 (B) CONTACT INFORMATION REGARDING SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND
13 SERVICES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO EXPECTANT AND NEW PARENTS OF
14 CHILDREN WITH SPINA BIFIDA, INCLUDING INFORMATION HOTLINES SPECIFIC
15 TO SPINA BIFIDA, RESOURCE CENTERS OR CLEARINGHOUSES, AND NATIONAL
16 AND LOCAL SPINA BIFIDA ORGANIZATIONS.

17 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SPINA BIFIDA" MEANS A CONGENITAL
18 MALFORMATION OF THE BONE IN THE VERTEBRAL COLUMN THAT EXPOSES THE
19 SPINAL CORD, WHICH IS CAUSED BY INCOMPLETE CLOSING OF THE EMBRYONIC
20 NEURAL TUBE.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
22 after the date it is enacted into law.