

# SENATE BILL NO. 500

June 02, 2021, Introduced by Senators IRWIN, DALEY, WOJNO, LASATA, VICTORY, BAYER, ANANICH, HOLLIER, MACDONALD, BRINKS, CHANG, VANDERWALL and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

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 shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "complex needs patient act".
- 3           Sec. 5. The department shall establish focused policies and
- 4 promulgate focused rules for complex rehabilitation technology

1 products and services. The focused policies and rules must take  
2 into consideration the individually configured nature of complex  
3 rehabilitation technology and the broad range of services necessary  
4 to meet the unique medical and functional needs of an individual  
5 with complex medical needs by doing all of the following:

6 (a) Designating specific HCPCS billing codes for complex  
7 rehabilitation technology and any new codes in the future as  
8 appropriate.

9 (b) Establishing specific supplier standards for a company or  
10 entity that provides complex rehabilitation technology and  
11 restricting providing complex rehabilitation technology to only a  
12 qualified complex rehabilitation technology supplier.

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

16 (i) A qualified health care professional.

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

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

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

29 (f) Requiring that managed care Medicaid plans adopt the

1 regulations and policies outlined in this act and include these  
2 regulations and policies in their contracts with qualified complex  
3 rehabilitation technology suppliers.

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

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