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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4580 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Felicia Brabec

House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to prohibit Medicaid¹ or the Healthy Michigan Plan² from requiring a recipient to use telemedicine service instead of in-person consultation or contact.

MCL 400.105h

BRIEF RATIONALE

The COVID-19 pandemic expanded the use of telemedicine services. According to testimony, some patients, including those who live in a rural area, are physically disabled, or are veterans use telemedicine services at higher rates. While access to telemedicine services is important for improving health outcomes, some people believe the possibility of Medicaid or the Healthy Michigan Plan requiring the use of telemedicine services in place of in-person care could lower health outcomes overall for residents of Michigan.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Date Completed: 3-14-24

Fiscal Analyst: John P. Maxwell

¹ Medicaid is a joint State-Federal program designed to provide health care to individuals with low incomes.

² The Healthy Michigan Plan is a category of eligibility under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that offers health care coverage to individuals aged 19 to 64 with incomes at or below 133% of the Federal poverty level.