



HOUSE BILL No. 4336

February 7, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Gire, Anthony, Yokich, Stallworth, DeHart, Brewer, Martinez, Wetters, Willard, Parks, Freeman, Emerson, Cherry, Pitoniak and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

A bill to amend Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended
"The social welfare act,"
as amended, being sections 400.1 to 400.119b of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 112f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, as
2 amended, being sections 400.1 to 400.119b of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 112f to read as
4 follows:

5 SEC. 112F. (1) THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED
6 IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN
7 OF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR LESS IN CERTAIN HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE
8 INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID.

1 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES
2 UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM TO A CHILD WHO IS BOTH OF THE
3 FOLLOWING:

4 (A) LESS THAN THE AGE OF 19.

5 (B) LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD THAT HAS AN INCOME LESS THAN 200%
6 OF THE POVERTY LEVEL.

7 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICES UNDER THE
8 BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM AS IT PROVIDES TO RECIPIENTS OF
9 MEDICAID. IF A CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE OR HEALTH
10 CARE COVERAGE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, INCLUDING MEDICAID, THE MED-
11 ICAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM SHALL
12 BE SECONDARY TO THAT INSURANCE OR COVERAGE.

13 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE PROVIDERS OF MEDI-
14 CAL SERVICES UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM IN THE SAME
15 MANNER AND AT THE SAME RATES AS PROVIDERS ARE REIMBURSED UNDER
16 MEDICAID. A PROVIDER OF MEDICAL SERVICES UNDER THE BETTER BEGIN-
17 NINGS PROGRAM SHALL MEET THE SAME STANDARDS REQUIRED OF PARTICI-
18 PANTS IN MEDICAID AS TO LICENSURE, QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES,
19 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, AND OTHER FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE
20 DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT'S PAYMENT TO PROVIDERS OF MEDICAL
21 SERVICES UNDER THE BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSIDERED
22 PAYMENT IN FULL.

23 (5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT AN ANNUAL ENROLLMENT
24 FEE OF \$25.00 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES
25 OF MORE THAN 185% AND LESS THAN 200% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL.

26 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

1 (A) "MEDICAID" MEANS THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2 ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 105.

3 (B) "POVERTY LEVEL" MEANS AN INCOME LEVEL DETERMINED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT BASED ON THE OFFICIAL POVERTY LEVEL ESTABLISHED BY THE
5 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.