

HOUSE BILL No. 6269

June 22, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Nofs and Mortimer and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled
"The nonprofit health care corporation reform act,"
(MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704) by adding section 416e.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 416E. (1) A HEALTH CARE CORPORATION THAT ISSUES OR RENEWS**
2 **IN THIS STATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007 A GROUP OR NONGROUP**
3 **CERTIFICATE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENETIC**
4 **INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM THAT INVOLVE AMINO ACID, CARBOHYDRATE,**
5 **AND FAT METABOLISM AND FOR WHICH MEDICALLY STANDARD METHODS OF**
6 **DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND MONITORING EXIST.**

7 **(2) COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE EXPENSES OF**
8 **DIAGNOSING, MONITORING, AND CONTROLLING DISORDERS BY NUTRITIONAL**
9 **AND MEDICAL ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING CLINICAL SERVICES, BIOCHEMICAL**
10 **ANALYSIS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, CORRECTIVE LENSES**
11 **FOR CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE GENETIC INBORN ERROR OF METABOLISM,**

1 NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT, AND SPECIAL MEDICAL FOODS USED IN TREATMENT
2 TO COMPENSATE FOR THE METABOLIC ABNORMALITY AND TO MAINTAIN
3 ADEQUATE NUTRITIONAL STATUS.

4 (3) COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT HAVE DEDUCTIBLES,
5 COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, DOLLAR LIMITS, OR DURATIONAL LIMITS THAT
6 ARE LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE FOR PHYSICAL ILLNESS GENERALLY.

7 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

8 (A) "GENETIC INBORN ERROR OF METABOLISM" MEANS A RARE,
9 INHERITED DISORDER THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 (i) IS PRESENT AT BIRTH.

11 (ii) IF UNTREATED, RESULTS IN MENTAL RETARDATION OR DEATH.

12 (iii) CAUSES THE NECESSITY FOR CONSUMPTION OF SPECIAL MEDICAL
13 FOODS.

14 (B) "SPECIAL MEDICAL FOODS" MEANS NUTRITIONAL SUBSTANCES IN
15 ANY FORM THAT MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (i) ARE FORMULATED TO BE CONSUMED OR ADMINISTERED INTERNALLY
17 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.

18 (ii) ARE SPECIFICALLY PROCESSED OR FORMULATED TO BE DISTINCT IN
19 1 OR MORE NUTRIENTS PRESENT IN NATURAL FOOD.

20 (iii) ARE INTENDED FOR THE MEDICAL AND NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF
21 PATIENTS WITH LIMITED CAPACITY TO METABOLIZE ORDINARY FOODSTUFFS OR
22 CERTAIN NUTRIENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINARY FOODSTUFFS OR WHO HAVE
23 OTHER SPECIFIC NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS AS ESTABLISHED BY MEDICAL
24 EVALUATION.

25 (iv) ARE ESSENTIAL TO OPTIMIZE GROWTH, HEALTH, AND METABOLIC
26 HOMEOSTASIS.

27 (C) "TREATMENT" MEANS MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY LICENSED

- 1 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS AND DIETITIANS,
- 2 WITH SPECIFIC TRAINING IN MANAGING PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH GENETIC
- 3 INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM.