

SENATE BILL No. 1094

September 30, 2014, Introduced by Senators WARREN, BIEDA, ANANICH and JONES and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled
"Mental health code,"
by amending section 208 (MCL 330.1208), as amended by 2012 PA 500.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 208. (1) Services provided by a community mental health
2 services program shall be directed to individuals who have a
3 serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or
4 developmental disability.

5 (2) Services may be directed to individuals who have other
6 mental disorders that meet criteria specified in the most recent
7 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental health disorders
8 published by the American psychiatric association and may also be
9 directed to the prevention of mental disability and the promotion
10 of mental health. Resources that have been specifically designated

1 to community mental health services programs for services to
2 individuals with dementia, alcoholism, or substance use disorder or
3 for the prevention of mental disability and the promotion of mental
4 health shall be utilized for those specific purposes.

5 (3) Priority shall be given to the provision of services to
6 individuals with the most severe forms of serious mental illness,
7 serious emotional disturbance, and developmental disability.
8 Priority shall also be given to the provision of services to
9 individuals with a serious mental illness, serious emotional
10 disturbance, or developmental disability in urgent or emergency
11 situations. **PRIORITY SHALL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE PROVISION OF**
12 **SERVICES TO A VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

13 (4) An individual shall not be denied a service because an
14 individual who is financially liable is unable to pay for the
15 service.