House Bill 4224 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Julie M. Rogers
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Housing and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would repeal Sections 107a and 107b of the Social Welfare Act, which prescribe workforce engagement requirements for the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) upon approval of a Federal waiver.

The HMP is Michigan's Medicaid-expansion program that provides health care benefits to low-income individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid. Generally, Sections 107a and 107b require the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act by October 1, 2018, to establish workforce engagement requirements as a condition of receiving medical assistance under the HMP. Among other requirements, upon the waiver's approval, the Sections require able-bodied individuals to participate in 80 hours per month of qualifying activities that count toward meeting the workforce engagement requirements. They require an HMP recipient be in compliance with workforce engagement requirements during at least nine months in any 12-month period.

(Section 1115 of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to waive specific provisions of health and welfare programs, including Medicaid, for experimental, pilot, or demonstration programs in a state.)

MCL 400.107a & 400.107b (repealed)   Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. As Medicaid work requirements are dormant under Federal court rulings, a repeal of the Medicaid work requirements would result in no change in the State's Medicaid program.

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