

SENATE BILL NO. 135

March 12, 2025, Introduced by Senator HERTEL and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled
"The insurance code of 1956,"
by amending sections 3403, 3406z, 3406bb, and 3406ii (MCL 500.3403,
500.3406z, 500.3406bb, and 500.3406ii), section 3403 as amended by
2023 PA 158, section 3406z as added by 2023 PA 159, section 3406bb
as added by 2023 PA 160, and section 3406ii as added by 2023 PA
157.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 3403. (1) An insurer that delivers, issues for delivery,
- 2 or renews in this state a health insurance policy that makes

1 dependent coverage available under the health insurance policy
2 shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Make available dependent coverage, at the option of the
4 policyholder, until the dependent has attained 26 years of age.

5 (b) Provide the same health insurance benefits to a dependent
6 child that are available to any other covered dependent.

7 (c) Provide health insurance benefits to a dependent child at
8 the same rate or premium applicable to any other covered dependent.

9 (d) Include both of the following provisions in the health
10 insurance policy:

11 (i) That the health insurance benefits applicable for children
12 are payable with respect to a newly born child of the insured from
13 the moment of birth.

14 (ii) That the coverage for newly born children consists of
15 coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and
16 treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth
17 abnormalities.

18 (2) A health insurance policy that offers dependent coverage
19 shall not deny enrollment to an insured's child on any of the
20 following grounds:

21 (a) The child was born out of wedlock.

22 (b) The child is not claimed as a dependent on the insured's
23 federal income tax return.

24 (c) The child does not reside with the insured or in the
25 insurer's service area.

26 (3) This section does not require an insurer or plan to make
27 coverage available for a child of a child receiving dependent
28 coverage.

29 **(4) This section does not apply to retiree-only health**

1 **insurance coverage.**

2 Sec. 3406z. (1) An insurer that delivers, issues for delivery,
3 or renews in this state a health insurance policy shall not
4 institute either of the following:

5 (a) Lifetime limits on the dollar value of essential health
6 benefit coverage under section 3406bb(1).

7 (b) Annual limits on the dollar value of essential health
8 benefit coverage under section 3406bb(1).

9 (2) This section does not prevent an insurer from placing
10 annual or lifetime dollar limits with respect to any individual on
11 specific covered benefits that are not essential health benefits to
12 the extent that the limits are otherwise permitted under applicable
13 federal or state law.

14 (3) This section does not apply to grandfathered health plan
15 coverage, as that term is defined in 45 CFR 147.140, **retiree-only**
16 **health insurance coverage**, or ~~to~~ a short-term or 1-time limited
17 duration policy or certificate of not longer than 6 months.

18 Sec. 3406bb. (1) An insurer that delivers, issues for
19 delivery, or renews in the individual or small group market in this
20 state a health insurance policy shall provide coverage for all of
21 the following:

22 (a) Ambulatory patient services.

23 (b) Emergency services.

24 (c) Hospitalization.

25 (d) Pregnancy, maternity, and newborn care.

26 (e) Mental health and substance use disorder services,
27 including behavioral health treatment.

28 (f) Prescription drugs.

29 (g) Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices.

1 (h) Laboratory services.

2 (i) Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease
3 management identified by the director as meeting a requirement
4 under this subdivision. Coverage for an item or service is not
5 required under this subdivision unless the item or service is 1 or
6 more of the following:

7 (i) Evidence-based items or services if the United States
8 Preventive Services Task Force has rated the item or service as "A"
9 or "B" for the purposes of its recommendations currently in effect
10 with respect to the individual involved.

11 (ii) An immunization with routine use in children, adolescents,
12 and adults if the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of
13 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has
14 included the immunization for the purposes of its recommendations
15 with respect to the individual involved.

16 (iii) With respect to infants, children, and adolescents,
17 evidence-informed preventive care and screenings if the United
18 States Health Resources and Services Administration has included
19 the care or screening for the purposes of its guidelines.

20 (iv) With respect to women, preventive care and screenings not
21 described in subparagraph (i) if the United States Health Resources
22 and Services Administration has included the care or screening for
23 the purposes of its guidelines.

24 (j) Pediatric services, including oral and vision care.
25 Pediatric oral care, as required under this subdivision, is not
26 required if an insured has dental insurance from another source and
27 provides evidence of the coverage to the insurer.

28 (2) Except as otherwise allowed under 45 CFR 147.130

29 (a) (2) (i), (ii), and (iii), an insurer that delivers, issues for

1 delivery, or renews in this state a health insurance policy shall
2 not impose any cost-sharing requirements for benefits provided
3 under subsection (1)(i).

4 (3) Benefits provided under subsection (1) are subject to all
5 requirements applicable to those benefits under this chapter.

6 (4) This section does not limit the requirements to provide
7 additional benefits under this chapter.

8 (5) This section does not require an insurer that has a
9 network of providers to provide benefits for items or services
10 described in subsection (1) that are delivered by an out-of-network
11 provider or preclude an insurer that has a network of providers
12 from imposing cost-sharing requirements for items or services
13 described in subsection (1) that are delivered by an out-of-network
14 provider. If an insurer does not have in its network a provider who
15 can provide an item or service described in subsection (1), the
16 insurer must cover the item or service when performed by an out-of-
17 network provider, and may not impose cost sharing with respect to
18 the item or service.

19 (6) This section does not prevent an insurer from using
20 reasonable medical management techniques to determine the
21 frequency, method, treatment, or setting for an item or service
22 described in subsection (1) to the extent not specified in the
23 relevant recommendation or guideline. To the extent not specified
24 in a recommendation or guideline, an insurer may rely on the
25 relevant clinical evidence base and established reasonable medical
26 management techniques to determine the frequency, method,
27 treatment, or setting for coverage of a recommended preventive
28 health service.

29 (7) This section does not require an insurer to cover items of

the United States Preventive Services Task Force that have been downgraded to a "D" rating, or any item or service during the plan year that is subject to a safety recall or is otherwise determined to pose a significant safety concern by a federal agency authorized to regulate the item or service.

(8) This section does not apply to a short-term or 1-time limited duration policy or certificate of not more than 6 months as described in section 2213b, ~~or to a grandfathered health plan coverage~~ as that term is defined in 45 CFR 147.140, **non-grandfathered health plan coverage, or retiree-only health insurance coverage.**

(9) Any changes to the items and services required under subsection (1)(i) must take effect for the plan year that begins on or after the date that is 1 year after the date the recommendation or guideline is issued.

(10) As used in this section, "non-grandfathered health plan coverage" means individual and small group transitional insurance plans that have been afforded additional time to comply with certain market reform provisions of the affordable care act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the health care and education reconciliation act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, and as specified annually by the director, until the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires these plans to come into full compliance with the affordable care act.

Sec. 3406ii. (1) An insurer that delivers, issues for delivery, or renews in this state a health insurance policy shall not limit or exclude coverage for an individual by imposing a preexisting condition exclusion on the individual.

(2) This section does not apply to any of the following:

1 (a) Grandfathered health plan coverage, as that term is
2 defined in 45 CFR 147.140.

3 (b) Insurance coverage that provides benefits for any of the
4 following:

5 (i) Hospital confinement indemnity **or other fixed indemnity as**
6 **that term is described in 45 CFR 148.220 (b) (4) .**

7 (ii) Disability income.

8 (iii) Accident only.

9 (iv) Long-term care.

10 (v) Medicare supplemental.

11 (vi) Limited benefit health.

12 (vii) Specified disease indemnity.

13 (viii) Sickness or bodily injury, or death by accident, or both.

14 (ix) Retiree-only health insurance coverage.

15 (x) Stand-alone dental plans.

16 (xi) Stand-alone vision plans.

17 (xii) Other limited benefit policies.

18 **(xiii) A short-term or 1-time limited duration policy or**
19 **certificate of not longer than 6 months as described in section**
20 **2213b.**

21 **(c) Non-grandfathered health plan coverage as that term is**
22 **defined in section 3406bb.**

23 (3) As used in this section, "preexisting condition exclusion"
24 means a limitation or exclusion of benefits or a denial of coverage
25 based on the fact that a physical or mental condition was present
26 before the effective date of coverage or before the date coverage
27 is denied, whether or not any medical advice, diagnosis, care, or
28 treatment was recommended or received for the condition before the

1 date of coverage or denial of coverage.