

THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE CORPORATION REFORM ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 350 of 1980
Part 6A
HEALTH ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATIONS

550.1651 Definitions.

Sec. 651.

As used in this part:

- (a) "Board" means the board of a health endowment fund corporation incorporated under this part.
- (b) "Executive director" means the executive director of a fund appointed by the board.
- (c) "Fund" means a health endowment fund corporation organized as a nonprofit corporation under section 653.

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550.1652 Health endowment fund corporation; incorporation; conflict of interest; appointment of board members; vacancy; terms; quorum; vote; business open to public; notice; meeting in closed session; minutes; compensation.

Sec. 652.

(1) A health endowment fund corporation shall not be incorporated in this state except under this part.

(2) A board shall adopt a conflict of interest policy. A board member with a direct or indirect interest in any matter before the fund shall disclose the member's interest to the board before the board takes any action on the matter. The board shall record the member's disclosure in the minutes of the board meeting. If a board member or a member of his or her immediate family, organizationally or individually, would derive a direct and specific benefit from a decision of the board, that member shall recuse himself or herself from the discussion and the vote on the issue.

(3) Subject to this subsection, the governor shall appoint the members of a board with the advice and consent of the senate. An individual who is an employee, officer, or board member of a health care corporation; a lobbyist affiliated with a health care corporation; or an employee of a health insurer, health care provider, or third party administrator is not eligible to be appointed and shall not be appointed to a board under this subsection. On or before the expiration of 60 days after the incorporation of a fund under section 653, the governor shall appoint the following initial members of the board with the advice and consent of the senate:

- (a) One member from a list of 3 or more individuals recommended by the senate majority leader.
- (b) One member from a list of 3 or more individuals recommended by the speaker of the house of

representatives.

- (c) One member representing the interests of minor children.
- (d) One member representing the interests of senior citizens.
- (e) Two members of the general public.
- (f) One member representing the business community.
- (g) One member from a list of 3 or more individuals recommended by the house minority leader.
- (h) One member from a list of 3 or more individuals recommended by the senate minority leader.

(4) A vacancy on a board shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment under subsection (3).

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a board member shall be appointed for a term of 4 years or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later. For the initial members appointed under subsection (3), 3 members shall be appointed for 2-year terms, 3 members shall be appointed for 3-year terms, and 3 members shall be appointed for 4-year terms.

(5) Six members of a board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. An affirmative vote of 5 board members is necessary for official action of a board.

(6) The business that a board may perform shall be conducted at a meeting of the board that is held in this state, is open to the public, and is held in a place that is available to the general public. However, a board may establish reasonable rules and regulations to minimize disruption of a meeting of the board. At least 10 days and not more than 60 days before a meeting, a board shall provide public notice of its meeting at its principal office and on its

internet website. A board shall include in the public notice of its meeting the address where board minutes required under subsection (7) may be inspected by the public. A board may meet in a closed session for any of the following purposes:

(a) To consider the hiring, dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of board members or employees or agents of the fund.

(b) To consult with its attorney.

(c) To comply with state or federal law, rules, or regulations regarding privacy or confidentiality.

(7) A board shall keep minutes of each meeting. Board minutes shall be open to public inspection, and the board shall make the minutes available at the address designated on the public notice of its meeting under subsection (6). A board shall make copies of the minutes available to the public at the reasonable estimated cost for printing and copying. A board shall include all of the following in its board minutes:

(a) The date, time, and place of the meeting.

(b) Board members who are present and absent.

(c) Board decisions made at a meeting open to the public.

(d) All roll call votes taken at the meeting.

(8) Board members shall serve without compensation. However, board members may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as board members.

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550.1653 Charitable purpose nonprofit corporation; receipt and administration of funds; articles of incorporation; grants; conflict with other provisions of law; social mission contributions; fund as private, nonprofit corporation.

Sec. 653.

(1) A charitable purpose nonprofit corporation may be incorporated on a nonstock, directorship basis, under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192 consistent with this part and, if incorporated under this section, shall be organized to receive and administer funds for the public welfare. The articles of incorporation must include the word "Michigan" and the phrase "health endowment fund" in the name of the fund. As soon as practicable after the incorporation of a fund under this subsection, the fund shall apply for and make its best effort to obtain tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501.

(2) The articles of incorporation of a fund must provide that the fund is organized for the following purposes:

(a) Supporting efforts that improve the quality of health care while reducing costs to residents of this state.

(b) Benefitting the health and wellness of minor children and seniors throughout this state with a significant focus in the following areas:

(i) Access to prenatal care and reduction of infant mortality rates.

(ii) Health services for foster and adopted children.

(iii) Access to healthy food.

(iv) Wellness programs and fitness programs.

(v) Access to mental health services.

(vi) Technology enhancements.

(vii) Health-related transportation needs.

(viii) Foodborne illness prevention.

(c) Awarding grants for a term not exceeding 3 years in duration for projects that will promote the purposes of the fund.

(d) Subsidizing the cost of individual medigap coverage to medicare-eligible individuals in this state who demonstrate a financial need in order to be able to purchase individual medigap coverage.

(3) The board shall establish a comprehensive and competitive process to award grants.

(4) The nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, applies to a fund. If a provision relating to a fund under this part conflicts with other state law, this part controls.

(5) If a fund is eligible to receive social mission contributions under section 220(2), the eligible fund shall implement a program to disburse money to subsidize the cost of individual medigap coverage to medicare-eligible individuals in this state who demonstrate a financial need in order to be able to purchase individual medigap coverage. The commissioner shall develop a means test to be used to determine if a medicare-eligible individual applicant is eligible for the medigap coverage subsidy provided for in this subsection and shall submit the test

developed to the attorney general for approval.

(6) If a fund is eligible to receive social mission contributions under section 220(2), beginning on the first day of the third August after the fund receives its initial social mission contribution, and ending on the thirty-first day of the eighth December after the fund receives its initial social mission contribution, the fund shall disburse \$120,000,000.00 to subsidize the cost of individual medigap coverage purchased by medicare-eligible individuals in this state, subject to subsection (5).

(7) A fund is a private, nonprofit corporation organized for charitable purposes and is not a state agency, governmental agency, or other political subdivision of this state. Money of a fund is held by the fund for the purposes consistent with this part and is not money of this state or a political subdivision of this state and shall not be deposited in the state treasury. A member of a board is not a public officer of this state.

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550.1654 Executive director.

Sec. 654.

(1) A board shall appoint an executive director to serve as the chief executive officer of the fund. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The executive director may employ staff and hire consultants as necessary with the approval of the board. The board shall determine compensation for the executive director and staff employed under this subsection and shall approve contracts under this subsection.

(2) The executive director shall display on the fund internet website information relevant to the public, as defined by the board, concerning the fund's operations and efficiencies, as well as the board's assessments of those activities.

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550.1655 Disbursement, expenditure, and investment of money by fund; system of financial accounting, controls, audits, and reports; appointment of audit committee; duties of executive director; requirement to keep accurate accounting; cooperation with investigation.

Sec. 655.

(1) Subject to this section, a fund may disburse money contributed to the fund each year, not including any interest, earnings, or unrealized gains or losses on those contributions, for the purposes of the fund as described in section 653. A fund may expend a portion of the money contributed to the fund in each year following the initial contribution to the fund according to the following schedule:

- (a) Years 1 through 4, 80%.
- (b) Years 5 through 8, 67%.
- (c) Years 9 through 12, 60%.
- (d) Years 13 through 18, 25%.

(2) On and after the date that the accumulated principal of money held by a fund reaches \$750,000,000.00, the fund shall maintain that amount for investment to provide an ongoing income to the fund. On and after the date that the accumulated principal in the fund reaches \$750,000,000.00, the board shall not allow the accumulated principal of the fund to fall below \$750,000,000.00 due to expenditures made for the purposes of the fund as described in section 653.

(3) A fund may expend money received by the fund from any source in a fiscal year of the fund that is in excess of the amount required to maintain the accumulated principal goals as described in subsection (2), not including any interest, earnings, or unrealized gains or losses on those funds, on the reasonable administrative costs of the fund and for the purposes of the fund as described in this part. The investment of fund money and donations by the fund

are under the exclusive control and discretion of the fund and are not subject to requirements applicable to public funds.

(4) A fund may invest accumulated principal in the fund only in securities permitted by the laws of this state for the investment of assets of life insurance companies, as described in chapter 9 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.901 to 500.947.

(5) A fund's articles of incorporation or bylaws must provide for a system of financial accounting, controls, audits, and reports. The board annually shall have an audit of the fund conducted by an independent public accountant firm, and the auditor's audit report and findings shall be submitted to the board. The expense of an audit required under this subsection is considered a reasonable administrative cost under subsection (3).

(6) A fund's articles of incorporation or bylaws must require that the board shall appoint from its members an audit committee consisting of no fewer than 3 members and for the audit committee to contract with an independent auditing firm to provide an annual financial audit in accordance with applicable auditing standards.

(7) The executive director shall do all of the following:

(a) Review and certify external auditor reports.

(b) Make external auditor reports available to the board and to the general public.

(c) Develop and implement corrective actions to address weaknesses identified in an audit report.

(8) The articles of incorporation or bylaws of a fund must require the fund to keep an accurate accounting of all activities, receipts, and expenditures and annually submit to the board, the governor, the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees, and the senate and house of representatives standing committees on health policy a report regarding those accountings.

(9) A fund and its directors, officers, and employees shall fully cooperate with any investigation conducted by this state or a federal agency under its authority under state or federal law, to do any of the following:

(a) Investigate the affairs of the fund.

(b) Examine the assets and records of the fund.

(c) Require periodic reports in relation to the activities undertaken by the fund in compliance with applicable law.

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