

We Oppose HB 4707

Unfair & Discriminatory Mandates

House Bill 4707 picks winners and losers, increases health care costs, and creates discriminatory levels of mental health coverage and services for Michiganders.

This legislation is another insurance mandate that unfairly displays prejudice against an individual's mental health coverage based solely on where they acquire their health insurance.

This bill forces health plans and certain employers to accept unknown and unproven statutorily enumerated out-of-network mental health providers (winners) and pay them at in-network rates without regard to their clinical efficacy, equity, and value-based outcomes.

Meanwhile, these new mandates conveniently exclude Michigan's Medicaid program and the state's self-insured health plan that provides health care coverage for state lawmakers. If these mandates are so valuable, why are lawmakers and Michigan's public mental health system, which is facing a crisis, exempt from HB 4707?

HB 4707 does nothing to increase the number of mental health and substance abuse providers that are lacking in Michigan right now.

We oppose this unfair, costly, and discriminatory mandate. We urge you to vote NO on HB 4707.

