

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5458

February 20, 2024, Introduced by Reps. O'Neal, Hope, Neeley, Farhat, Brenda Carter, Dievendorf, Rheingans, Wilson, Haadsma, Byrnes, Glanville, Scott, Hood, Weiss, Young and Tyrone Carter and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 106c.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 106c. (1) The department shall ensure the availability of**  
2 **accessible, quality health care for individuals with sickle cell**  
3 **disease who are enrolled in Medicaid managed care organizations**  
4 **that have a contract with the department to provide services to**  
5 **Medicaid members in the comprehensive health care program.**

1 (2) Not later than the fiscal year 2025 contract year, the  
2 department shall require comprehensive health care program Medicaid  
3 managed care organizations to implement a sickle cell disease  
4 quality strategy for children and adults with sickle cell disease  
5 that includes, but is not limited to, the following components:

6 (a) Measurable goals to improve the identification of members  
7 with sickle cell disease within 90 days after enrolling in the  
8 contracted health plan.

9 (b) Adequate provider network capacity to ensure timely access  
10 to sickle cell disease specialty service providers, including, but  
11 not limited to, hematologists.

12 (c) Care coordination strategies and supports to help members  
13 with sickle cell disease access sickle cell disease specialists and  
14 other related care supports.

15 (d) Delivery of a department-approved training curriculum to  
16 educate primary care providers on sickle cell disease, including  
17 information on emergency warning signs and complications, evidence-  
18 based practices and treatment guidelines, and when to make  
19 referrals to specialty sickle cell disease treatment providers.

20 (3) The department shall also do the following:

21 (a) Not later than the fiscal year 2025 contract year, require  
22 each comprehensive health care program Medicaid managed care  
23 organization to report, on a quarterly basis, an unduplicated count  
24 of children and adults identified as having sickle cell disease  
25 enrolled with the contracted plan during the quarter. The  
26 department shall publish these reports, by contracted plan, on the  
27 department's website.

28 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and in partnership with  
29 the comprehensive health care program Medicaid managed care

1 organizations, identify, document, and share best practices  
2 regarding sickle cell disease care management and care coordination  
3 with Medicaid-enrolled primary care and sickle cell disease  
4 specialty providers with a goal of improving services for members  
5 with sickle cell disease and their families.

6 (c) Leveraging the department Public Health Strategic Plan to  
7 Address Sickle Cell Disease Across the Lifespan 2015-2018 and the  
8 entities and its strategic planning participants, enter into a  
9 contract not later than January 1, 2025, with a publicly funded  
10 university to develop a sickle cell disease-focused comprehensive  
11 assessment tool or a supplement to an existing comprehensive  
12 assessment tool to screen members identified with sickle cell  
13 disease for comorbidities, medical history for the treatment of  
14 sickle cell disease including disease-modifying medications and  
15 pain management, psychosocial history, barriers to accessing or  
16 completing treatments, social supports, other care coordinators  
17 working with the member, community resources being used or needed,  
18 quality of life, and personal preferences for engagement with a  
19 care coordinator.

20 (d) Not later than the fiscal year 2026 contract year,  
21 establish performance measures relative to access to care and  
22 available therapies, engagement in treatment, and outcomes for  
23 individuals with sickle cell disease, with the metrics to be  
24 reported annually by the comprehensive health care program Medicaid  
25 managed care organizations and with incentive payments attached to  
26 the measures.

27 (e) Not later than January 1, 2026, develop a plan for  
28 improving the transition from pediatric care to adult care for  
29 adolescents with sickle cell disease who are aging out of the

1 Medicaid program, and a plan for helping qualified beneficiaries  
2 maintain Medicaid coverage under another eligibility category, to  
3 maintain continuity of care.

4 (4) The department shall provide an annual sickle cell disease  
5 management and accountability report to the senate and house  
6 appropriations committees and the senate and house fiscal agencies,  
7 including the status of sickle cell disease-focused access to care,  
8 quality of services, health outcomes, and disparities in this  
9 state.

10 (5) The department shall incorporate the sickle cell disease  
11 management and accountability standards into the contracts,  
12 including financial or administrative penalties for lack of  
13 performance. Contracted plan rates must be adjusted to reflect  
14 enhanced care or other provisions that are shifted to the  
15 contracted plans.