

SB 597 & 598: The Wrong Step At The Wrong Time Dangerous, Costly & Bad for Michigan

We MUST broaden the conversation beyond Medicaid. Mental illness and addiction impact millions of individuals and families across the state of Michigan regardless of their insurance.

Solutions MUST be BROAD BASED, get at the root cause and address the areas of greatest need – **increasing overall access to care, adding providers and strengthening the workforce, and increasing inpatient care.**

Don't be fooled: SBs 597 & 598 are a shell game, just shifting who pays the bills for a small fraction of people in the Medicaid program.

The DO & DON'Ts ABOUT SBs 597 & 598

THE DOs

- SBs 597 & 598 DO increase costs by doubling the administrative overhead costing taxpayers over \$300 million more.¹
- SBs 597 & 598 DO eliminate local control, local decision making by the CMH and give it to for-profit insurance companies who are only accountable to non-elected bureaucrats in Lansing via contracts.
- SBs 597 & 598 DO turn over control to for profit insurance companies that had record profits in 2020 – over \$550 million.²
- SBs 597 & 598 DO give control to for profit insurance companies that have no experience in serving persons with complex mental health needs and poor track record on mild to moderate mental health services – lack of date & outcomes.³

THE DO NOTs

- SBs 597 & 598 DO NOT increase access to care
- SBs 597 & 598 DO NOT Increase providers or address workforce shortages
- SBs 597 & 598 DO NOT address the lack of sufficient inpatient care
- SBs 597 & 598 DO NOT address or integrate care, they only integrate funding
- SBs 597 & 598 DO NOT improve or guarantee better outcomes

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1. FY19 Medicaid Utilization Net Cost (MUNC) report & https://www.milliman.com/-/media/milliman/pdfs/2021-articles/7-7-21-medicaid_managed_care_financial_results.ashx
2. <https://www.craigslist.com/health-care/michigan-health-plans-post-rosy-profits-first-half-2020-blues-cross-income-lower-2019>
3. [Altarum Behavioral-Health-Access_Final-Report.pdf](https://www.altarum.com/behavioral-health-access-final-report.pdf)

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Disability and other Consumer Advocate Groups

- The Arc Michigan
- Association for Children's Mental Health
- Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council
- Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
- Michigan United Cerebral Palsy
- National Alliance on Mental Illness

Health Care Professional Organizations

- National Association of Social Workers Michigan Chapter

Human Rights Organizations

- American Civil Liberties Union

Judiciary

- Michigan Association for Family Court Administration
- Michigan Judges Association
- Michigan Probate Judges Association

Labor

- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
- Michigan Corrections Organization
- Service Employees International Union

Law Enforcement

- Michigan Sheriffs' Association

Local Government Leaders

- Clinton County Board of Commissioners
- Eaton County Board of Commissioners
- Gratiot County Board of Commissioners
- Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners
- Mason County Board of Commissioners
- Michigan Association of Counties
- Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners
- Wayne County Commission

Mental Health Services Administrators and Providers

- Allegan County Community Mental Health Services
- AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority
- Barry County Community Mental Health Authority
- Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health Authority
- Berrien Mental Health Authority
- Centra Wellness Network
- Community Living Services, Inc.
- Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Counties
- Community Mental Health for Central Michigan
- Community Mental Health of Ottawa County
- Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan
- Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services of St. Joseph County

- Copper Country Community Mental Health Services
- Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network
- Freedom Work Opportunities of Genesee County, Inc (FWOGC)
- Genesee Health System
- Gogebic Community Mental Health Authority
- Gratiot Integrated Health Network
- HealthWest
- Hiawatha Behavioral Health
- Huron Behavioral Health
- Integrated Services of Kalamazoo
- Lakeshore Regional Entity
- Lapeer County Community Mental Health Services
- Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
- LifeWays Community Mental Health
- Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority
- Macomb County Community Mental Health Services
- Mid-State Health Network
- Monroe Community Mental Health Authority
- Montcalm Care Network
- Network180
- Newago County Mental Health Center
- NorthCare Network
- North Country Community Mental Health Authority
- Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority
- Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority
- Northern Michigan Regional Entity
- Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems
- Oakland Community Health Network
- Pathways Community Mental Health
- Pines Behavioral Health Services
- Region 10 PIHP
- Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority
- Sanilac County Community Mental Health
- Shiawassee Health & Wellness
- Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health
- St. Clair County Community Mental Health Services
- Summit Point
- Ten16 Recovery Network
- The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness
- Training & Treatment Innovations
- Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems
- VanBuren Community Mental Health Authority
- Washtenaw County Community Mental Health
- West Michigan Community Mental Health System
- Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network

Statewide and Regional Services Administrators and Providers

- Community Mental Health Association of Michigan