



**House
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NURSE MIDWIVES COVERAGE

House Bills 4989 and 4991
Sponsor: Rep. Lynn Rivers
Committee: Insurance

Complete to 9-27-93

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4989 AND 4991 AS INTRODUCED 8-31-93

The bills would, in general, require health insurance policies that cover maternity services to provide coverage for such services whether performed by a physician or a nurse midwife acting within the scope of his or her license. The term "nurse midwife" would refer to a person licensed as a professional nurse midwife under Part 172 of the Public Health Code who had been issued a specialty certification in the practice of nurse midwifery by the state's board of nursing.

House Bill 4989 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.3406f) to apply to an expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy or conversion policy, or indemnity policy of a commercial insurer. House Bill 4991 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Act (MCL 550.1416b) to apply to group and nongroup certificates, and conversion certificates, of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan.

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