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BCBSM: PHYSICAL THERAPY, ETC.

**House Bill 4575
Sponsor: Rep. Nelson W. Saunders
Committee: Insurance**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4575 AS INTRODUCED 3-14-95

The bill would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Act, which regulates Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to prohibit the corporation from refusing participation or payment to a licensed physical therapist solely because the therapist was not affiliated with another health care provider (e.g., a hospital) if the therapist was acting within the scope of his or her licensure and administering care or providing services pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed physician or dentist. (Prior approval or authorization would have to be received if required.) Under the bill, the corporation could not refuse participation status to or refuse to reimburse any group of licensed physical therapists if that refusal would result in a restraint of trade in the health market.

Further, the corporation could not enter into agreements with health care providers, employers, employer groups, insurance companies or other health care coverage providers, or any other entity if the agreement would result in market steering, restraint of trade in the health care market, increasing costs of specific health care services, or shifting health care costs to government programs.

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