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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 993 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

(Senate-passed version)

Sponsor: Senator Sylvia Santana

Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 34 (Disability Insurance Policies) of the Insurance Code to require an insurer that delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in Michigan a health insurance policy that provided coverage for immunization agents to provide coverage for the following, beginning January 1, 2026:

- A qualified immunizing agent listed on the Immunization Schedules of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that was administered by a pharmacist under Section 17724 of the Public Health Code, at an in-network pharmacy.
- A qualified laboratory test ordered by a pharmacist under Section 17724a of the Code, at an in-network pharmacy.
- A drug dispensed by a pharmacist under Section 17724a of the Code, at an in-network pharmacy.

(Section 17724 of the Public Health Code allows a pharmacist to order and administer a qualified immunizing agent without acting under the direction of a physician. Section 17724a of the Code allows a pharmacist to order and administer a qualified laboratory test if the test is waived by the Food and Drug Administration, requires specimen collection only by nose, mouth, or finger, and is used to screen for COVID-19, influenza, or a respiratory infection.)

Proposed MCL 500.3406kk

BRIEF RATIONALE

On July 19, 2023, Public Act (PA) 97 codified Federal emergency orders issued during the COVID-19 pandemic that authorized pharmacists to administer immunization agents without doctor supervision. This was done, in part, to extend care to Michigan residents that were previously underserved by doctor's offices, such as those who lived in rural communities or who were poor;¹ however, since PA 97's implementation, situations have arisen in which immunizations, COVID-19 tests, or influenza tests that patients want administered from a pharmacist are not covered under their insurance policies. Requiring insurance policies to cover certain vaccines, drugs, and tests ordered and administered by a pharmacist would help these individuals afford necessary medical services.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have to fiscal impact on State or local government.

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Fiscal Analyst: Nathan Leaman

¹ Senate Fiscal Agency, Enacted Analysis of Senate Bill 219 of 2023, 8-25-23. Available on the Michigan Legislature website: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov>.