



GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO IMPLEMENTING WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES IN MICHIGAN AS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 897

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WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition is a nonprofit Michigan collective impact organization whose mission is to improve the health status of the residents of Genesee County and to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the health care system in Genesee County;

WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors is composed of representatives and leadership from Flint & Genesee County's hospitals, physicians, healthcare providers, health insurers, business, government, educators and schools, organized labor, and community residents.

WHEREAS, Michigan Senate Bill 897, introduced by Senator Mike Shirkey (MI District 16), passed the Senate on April 19, 2018, with a vote of 27-11 and is now under consideration by the Michigan House of Representatives. The bill would require non-exempt adults who are enrolled in either Medicaid or the Healthy Michigan Plan to fulfill work requirements.

WHEREAS, Medicaid has never had work requirements since it was implemented in 1965, thus there is no precedent for implementing a work requirements program. Impact analyses conducted suggest a number of negative issues with work requirements in that they are administratively burdensome for both consumers and state offices, they are unnecessary in that most individuals receiving Medicaid coverage already work voluntarily if they are able-bodied, they are unlikely to promote employment or health, and they ultimately create barriers to health care instead of improving access.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors opposes Michigan Senate Bill 897 or any modification of this bill that would seek to institute work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries in Michigan. Work requirements will reduce access to health care services, increase barriers to care especially among the poor and vulnerable, and negatively impact support for positive health outcomes of Michigan residents.

THIS RESOLUTION has been adopted effective May 21, 2018.

Peter Levine
Secretary
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