

# HOUSE BILL No. 4966

July 16, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Wojno, Ehardt, Accavitti, Law, Vander Veen and Bieda and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "The nonprofit health care corporation reform act," by amending section 418 (MCL 550.1418), as added by 1998 PA 124.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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1       Sec. 418. (1) A health care corporation certificate that  
2 provides coverage for emergency health services shall provide  
3 coverage for medically necessary services provided to a member  
4 for the sudden onset of a medical condition that manifests itself  
5 by signs and symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe  
6 pain, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could  
7 reasonably be expected to result in serious jeopardy to the  
8 individual's health or to a pregnancy in the case of a pregnant  
9 woman, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious  
10 dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. **A health care**  
11 **corporation shall not require a physician to transfer a patient**

1 **before the physician determines that the patient has reached the**  
2 **point of stabilization.** A health care corporation shall not deny  
3 payment for emergency health services up to the point of  
4 stabilization provided to a member under this subsection because  
5 of either of the following:

6 (a) The final diagnosis.

7 (b) Prior authorization was not given by the health care  
8 corporation before emergency health services were provided.

9 (2) As used in this section, "stabilization" means the point  
10 at which no material deterioration of a condition is likely,  
11 within reasonable medical probability, to result from or occur  
12 during transfer of the patient.