

CEO Report
November 15, 2023

Hello and good afternoon, it is a Great Day to be a part of the Lakeshore Regional Entity!

PIHP/REGIONAL Update

1. **LRE Updates**

- The LRE's new Veteran Navigation, Autumn Hartpence began the first week of November and has hit the ground running. One of her first tasks was to send a list of Veteran Day related happenings to LRE staff to take advantage of during the Veteran Day holiday.
- LRE would like to thank Don Avery, Provider Network Manager, for his service at the LRE and wish him well as he moves to Network180 as the Provider Network Director.
- LRE is currently receiving applicants and scheduling interviews for the vacant Clinical Manager position.
- Meetings are being scheduled with individuals regarding potential upcoming Board trainings.
- Shout out to George Motakis, CCO, for all his efforts with creating a fun, yet challenging week to celebrate National Compliance Week. Fun was had by most, and the competition was fierce. Thank you, George.

2. **Regional Updates**

- Historical Deficit Update
Update: HW continues to have pending litigation against the LRE as of present date.
- Funding Revenue Streams/HAB Waiver Slot/Behavioral Health Homes/Opioid Health Homes
 - HAB Waiver – During weekly meetings with MDHHS there has been ongoing discussion about the allocation of HSW slots. Region 3 has historically been under the state average number of slots although we consistently utilize every slot and have a need for more. LRE has requested 269 additional waiver slots which will bring us up to the state average. MDHHS has agreed to review this request internally and stated that this is a good opportunity because the state is re-evaluating the waiver slots because their 372 report is being completed for CMS.

Update: LRE continues to send follow-up emails to MDHHS regarding the request for additional slots. – no further updates.

- Behavioral Health Homes (BHH)/Opioid Health Homes (OHH) – LRE met with the state about BHH/OHH. The state had originally stated that LRE did not qualify based on how we are set up because they are supposed to be run at the PIHP. LRE met with Lindsey Naeyaert and explained that these are already being run through the CMHs and CCBHC. Lindsey stated that she is going to try to revise what was submitted to CMS or to get a waiver to move forward. This will add additional revenue to the region for the people that are already being served in the CCBHC. As part of the process the LRE agreed to review the handbooks for OHH and BHH and made notations for MDHHS to identify areas that are conflictual between the CCBHC and the OHH/BHH programs.

Update: LRE is waiting for an upcoming meeting with MDHHS staff to discuss LRE recommendations. Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2023.

- FY 18-22 Cost Settlement with MDHHS and LRE Financial Audits –
 - FY 21 Audits were completed and submitted on October 31. LRE has had several conversations with MDHHS regarding the \$200,000 fine, they are discussing internally and will communicate with LRE once a decision is made regarding.
 - LRE Finance staff and RPC are working on the FY22 financial audit that is tentatively scheduled for completion by December 31, 2023. LRE does have an extension approved by MDHHS until that date.
- Autism
 - Network180 (N180) has been on a corrective action plan with LRE/MDHHS since fall 2021. The original CAP timeline was for N180 to come into compliance by September 2022. LRE meets monthly with N180. Although progress has been made, N180 remains substantially out of compliance.
 - LRE is pleased to say that N180 and LRE have developed a potential short-term solution to address the children’s autism access issue. The model will be developed, and a presentation will be provided to MDHHS Children’s Bureau for approval.

- Provider Network Update
 - Provider Network is working to finalize the draft LRE/CMHSP Boilerplate Contract, with the goal of implementing the new contract sometime mid-FY24. The LRE/CMHSP contract is getting an upgrade based on the numerous changes to the master PIHP/MDHHS contract.

STATE OF MICHIGAN/STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

- **Legislative Update:**

The LRE would like to highlight the following bills as action items:

State Legislation:	Federal Legislation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 27 • HB 4576 & 4577, 4579 & 4580, 4707 • Keep MI Kids Tobacco Free Alliance Bill Package (Date TBD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. 2993, 1323, 2860 • HR 2891

Details can be found in the full Legislative Update Report

- HB 4644 was signed into law on November 7, 2023, EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024. HB 4644 amends the Uniform Power of Attorney Act. This legislation helps ensure:
 - that a POA is accessible to more residents, which will decrease the number of guardianships and conservatorships appointed statewide;
 - increased acceptance of POA’s from financial institutions and healthcare providers; and
 - that agents fulfil their fiduciary duties by mandating that they maintain detailed records and receipts and reiterates the right to recover damages from exploiting agents.

OTHER

- **Ms. Dyga-Moran will be in contact with those Board Members that need photos taken for the LRE website.**
- **Board Works Videos Available Online:**
The CMHA BoardWorks program was developed to assist Board members in fulfilling their obligations as CMH leaders, directors of policy, and advocates for

those they serve. Traditionally, these modules have been offered at conferences and through DVDs. CMHA now offers updated modules available for viewing on our website. The following BoardWorks modules are currently available with more to come! Click [here](#) to view.

- Foundations – Intended Beneficiary Command
- Foundations – Public Policy
- Management – Systems
- Current and Future Funding for CMHSPs and PIHPs (formerly Budgets)
- Leadership – Participatory Governance and Ethical Implications (formerly Character)

Report by Mary Marlatt-Dumas, CEO, Lakeshore Regional Entity



Lakeshore Regional Entity's Legislative Update – 11/7/2023



This document contains a summary and status of bills in the House and Senate, and other political and noteworthy happenings that pertain to both mental and behavioral health, and substance use disorder in Michigan and the United States.

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Highlight = new updates

Highlight = old bill, no longer active

Highlight = Suggestions for Action & Supported/ Opposed by CMHAM (Community Mental Health Association of Michigan)

STATE LEGISLATION

BILLS & REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MENTAL HEALTH				
Priority	BILL #	SUMMARY	SPONSOR	ACTION DATE
	SB 27	Legislation that would require insurers to provide coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorder services on the same level as that of coverage for physical illness. Federal law requires mental health coverage to be equal to physical illness. The bill would require insurance coverage for mental health conditions, including substance use disorders, to be no more restrictive than insurance coverage for other medical conditions. *Supported by CMHAM	Sarah Anthony	1/18/23 – Introduced to the Senate; Referred to Committee on Health Policy 10/12/23 – Reported favorably with substitute; Referred to committee oof the whole with substitute 10/18/23 – Passed the Senate, Referred to House Committee on Insurance and Financial Services
***	HB 4576 & 4577	Reintroduced versions of Sen. Shirkey's legislation (SB 597 & 598) from 2022. Legislation to create an integrated plan to merge the administration and provision of Medicaid physical health care services and behavioral health specialty services. *Opposed by CMHAM	Curtis VanderWall	5/16/23 – Introduced, read, and referred to Committee on Health Policy
	HB 4320 & 4387	Provides for penalties for coercing a vulnerable adult into providing sexually explicit visual material; and provides sentencing guidelines for crime of coercing vulnerable adult into providing sexually explicit visual material	Sharon MacDonell	3/22/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Families, Children and Seniors 6/27/23 – Referred to a second reading 10/5/23 – Read a second time; substitute adopted; placed on third reading 10/17/23 – Referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety 11/7/23 – Reported favorably without amendment; Referred to Committee of the Whole

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	HB 4081	Establishes a minimum number of school counselors to be employed by a school district, intermediate school district or public school academy	Felicia Brabec	2/14/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Health Policy
	HB 4495 & 4496	Provides general changes to the medical assistance program	Will Snyder Graham Filler	5/2/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Health Policy 6/13/23 – Passed House 6/27/23 – Passed Senate 7/10/23 – Presented to Governor 7/19/23 – Approved by the Governor; Filed with Secretary of State; assigned PA 98'23 with immediate effect
	HB 4523	Modifies eligibility for mental health court for those with violent offenses	Kara Hope	5/4/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Judiciary 6/7/23 - reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1), referred to a second reading 10/31/23 – read a third time, passed given immediate effect 11/1/23 - Referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety
	HB 4579 & 4580	Requires reimbursement rate for telehealth visits to be the same as office visits *Supported by CMHAM	Natalie Price, Felicia Brabec	5/16/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Health Policy 10/31/23 – Referred to a second reading
	HB 4649	Require height-adjustable, adult-sized changing tables in public restrooms	Lori Stone	5/23/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform
	HB 4745-4749	Bills related to access to assisted outpatient treatment, outpatient treatment for misdemeanor offenders, hospital evaluations, mediation, and competency exams	Brian BeGole, Donni Steele, Tom Kuhn, Mark Tisdell	6/14/23 – Introduced; referred to Committee on Health Policy
	HB 4171	Modifies the priority of a professional guardian.	Curtis VanderWall	3/2/23 – Introduced; Read; referred to Committee on Judiciary
***	HB 4909-12 & 5047	HB 4909-12 would institute long-awaited reforms to Michigan’s guardianship statutes, and HB 5047 would create the Office of State Guardian. Supported by the Department of Attorney General, Disability Rights Michigan, the Michigan Elder	Kelly Breen	7/18/23 – Introduced; Referred to Committee on Judiciary 10/11/23 – Reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1); Referred to a second reading

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		Justice Initiative, AARP, Alzheimer's Association, and The Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.		10/24/23 – Read a third time 10/25/23 – Referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety
	HB 5184 & 5185	Legislation would remove the social work test as a criterion for social work licensure and replace it with the strengthening of the supervised clinical experience requirements already required for licensure. *Supported by CMHAM	Felicia Brabec	10/19/23 – Introduced, Read a first time, Referred to Committee on Health Policy

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***	TBD	Keep MI Kids Tobacco Free Alliance is working on a legislative package that will address the areas of Tobacco Retail Licensure, Taxation on Vaping Products & Parity, Ending the Sale of Flavored Tobacco, and Preemption Removal (Restoration of local authority to regulate tobacco control at the municipal level)	Keep MI Kids Tobacco Free Alliance Sam Singh	Preemption one pager (d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net) 10/17/23 – Anticipating Senator Singh will be introducing the bill package this week. To support the upcoming legislation that would ban the sales of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol, the Alliance has launched an online petition to gather support from individuals around the state. The goal is to have a large list of Michiganders signing this petition before the bills are introduced this fall. Click here to sign the petition!
	HB 4049	A bill to require CRA to consider all applications by spouses of government officials for licensed marijuana establishments, and to not deny them based on their spouse's government affiliation.	Pat Outman	1/31/23 - Introduced and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform
	HB 4061	Kratom Consumer Protection Act: A bill to regulate the distribution, sale, and manufacture of kratom products	Lori Stone	2/1/23 - Introduced and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform

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	SB 133	A bill to provide for the review and prevention of deaths from drug overdose; allow for creation of overdose fatality review teams and power and duties of those teams; and for other purposes	Sean McCann	3/2/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Health Policy 10/5/23 – Reported and referred by committee of the whole favorably with substitute; passed roll call 10/10/23 – Referred to Committee on Health Policy 11/2/23 – Referred to second reading
	HB 4430	A bill to require all marijuana sales to provide safety information at the point of sale. Safety info includes: Safe storage, proper disposal, poison control information and the following statements: (A) To avoid dangerous drug interactions, it is recommended that you consult with your prescriber or pharmacist before consuming this product. (B) Exercise care if you consume this product with alcohol. (C) Consuming this product with a controlled substance could increase the risk of side effects or overdose. (D) Do not operate heavy machinery or perform other dangerous tasks under the influence of this product unless you know how this product affects you.	Veronica Paiz	4/19/23-introduced and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform
	SB 180/179	Allow the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) to enter into an agreement with an Indian tribe pertaining to marijuana related business if the agreement and the Indian tribe met certain conditions. It prohibits the CRA from employing any individual with pecuniary interests in tribal marijuana; and specifies that sales of marijuana by a tribal marijuana business on Indian lands would be exempt from the State's 10% excise tax on marijuana. Require the Department of Treasury to deposit money into the Marihuana Regulation Fund that was collected under an Indian Tribe Agreement.	Roger Hauck	6/14/23-Passed Senate and received in House Committee on Regulatory Reform 10/5/23 – Reported with recommendation without amendment; referred to second reading; place on third reading; passed by ¾ vote; returned to Senate 10/10/23 – Ordered enrolled 10/24/23 – Signed by Governor and given immediate effect, assigned PA 0166'23
	SB 141/HB 4201	<i>The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to eliminate a January 1, 2026, sunset on provisions that allow a qualified licensee to fill and sell qualified containers with alcoholic liquor for the purpose of off-the-premises consumption and to deliver alcoholic liquor to a consumer in the State if the qualified licensee meets certain conditions.</i>	Mallory McMorrow & Kristian Grant	6/13/23 - Passed Senate, referred for second reading in House Committee on Regulatory Reform. 5/3/23 - Passed House, referred to Senate Committee on Regulatory Affairs 7/19/23-Assigned PA 0095'23 with immediate effect
	HB 4833	The bill would amend the public health code to eliminate the requirement for acute care and behavioral health hospitals to carry a SUD Service Program license. The issue was identified through a LARA workgroup revealing duplicate licensure in some circumstances. The endeavor is to clean up the duplication and reduce burden on LARA as well as our members.	Ranjeev Puri	6/22/23 - referred to Committee on Health Policy
	HB 4913	A bill to criminalize all possession or distribution of Xylazine under the Controlled Substances Act.	Kelly Breen	7/18/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary
	SB 247	<i>The bill would allow the holder of a special license issued by the MLCC to sell and serve alcoholic</i>	Sean McCann	7/19/23-Assigned PA 0096'23 with immediate effect

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		<i>liquor on the premises of a licensed public area of a facility used for intercollegiate athletic events on dates and times other than the dates and times provided to the MLCC. A licensee that had been issued a catering permit could deliver and serve alcoholic liquor at a private event on the premises on dates and times other than the dates and times provided to the MLCC.</i>		
	HB 4734/4735 /4736	A bill package to require all school districts to have an opioid antagonist in each school building, and at least one trained staff in each building; require local health departments to provide antagonist and training to schools & staff.	David Prestin John Fitzgerald Matt Koleszar	6/13/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Education
	HB 4322	The bill would allow individuals who are 19 years of age or older to be employed at or volunteer for marijuana establishments, with the direct supervision of a person 21+.	Kevin Coleman	6/28/23-Read a third time in House, substitute adopted, and postponed temporarily
	HB 4600	The bill would prohibit the CRA from denying an application based on spouses of applicants holding positions in certain governmental bodies	Mike McFall	5/18/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform 9/12/23 – Reported with recommendation without amendment, referred to a second reading. 9/28/23 – Read a second time; placed on third reading
	HB 4601	The bill to include within a Cannabis Processor License the ability to extract THC concentrates and package for sale on the premises; allow for transfer of products amongst other licensed establishments both on the same location and to other locations; prohibit the denial of a license based upon the background check of an applicant’s spouse.	Mike McFall	5/23/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform 9/12/23 – Reported with recommendation without amendment, referred to a second reading. 9/28/23 – Read a second time; placed on third reading
***	HB 4707	The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require health insurers in Michigan to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of a mental health or substance abuse disorder. The bill would set requirements for coverage of out-of-network services and emergency services, as well as requirements related to prior authorization, utilization review, and the determination of level of care for insured individuals. The bill states that it would not apply to any entity or contracting provider that performs utilization review or utilization management functions on an insurer’s behalf. ***Supported by CMHAM.	Felicia Brabec	6/7/23 – Introduced, read, and referred to Committee on Insurance and Financial Services 6/21/23 – Reported with recommendation without amendment, referred to a second reading 10/24/23 – Read a second time, placed on third reading 10/25/23 – Removed from the House Agenda CMHAM REQUEST FOR ACTION: We are asking you to reach out to your legislators (House & Senate) and the Governor and URGE them to support HB 4707 and encourage their leadership to bring the bill up for a vote in the fall legislative session. HB 4707 will go a long way in improving people’s lives across the

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	HB 4213	The bill would require telemedicine coverage for SUD and behavioral health services *Supported by CMHAM	Christine Morse	3/8/23 – Introduced; Referred to Committee on Health Policy 10/31/23 – Referred to second reading
	HB 4690	Secular Recovery Bill: This bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a court that orders a defendant to attend a court-ordered substance use disorder recovery program as part of a sentence or deferred proceeding to ask on the record whether the defendant has an objection to a religious element of that program. If the defendant objects to a religious element, the court would have to identify a secular treatment program that the defendant confirms on the record eliminates their religious objection. The court would have to allow the defendant to participate in a secular treatment program online if one is not available locally	Betsy Coffia	5/30/23 – Introduced, Read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary
	S 542	A bill to allow government agencies who are providing opioid antagonists free of charge the choice of formulation, dosage, and route of administration for opioid antagonists	Kevin Hertel	10/3/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Health Policy
	HB 5078	A bill to allow a dispensing prescriber or pharmacist may dispense an opioid antagonist to any of the following: (a) An individual patient at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose. (b) A family member, friend, or other individual in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.	Carrie Rheingans	10/4/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Health Policy
	HB 5063 & 5064	A bill to protect the use of Medical Marijuana-A qualifying patient who has been issued and possesses a registry card must not be denied any right or privilege and it allows students to be treated with medical marijuana and CBD products during school; a public school or nonpublic school shall do all of the following: (a) Authorize a qualified guardian of a qualified pupil to administer a marihuana-infused product or CBD product to the qualified pupil on the school premises, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity in a location off of the school premises at which the use of a marihuana-infused product or CBD product is not prohibited. (b) Authorize a designated staff member to administer a marihuana-infused product or CBD product to a qualified pupil as described in subsection (2). (c) Authorize a qualified pupil to use or self-administer a marihuana-infused product or CBD product under the direct supervision of a designated staff member as described in subsection	Dylan Wegela Jimmie Wilson Jr.	9/28/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform
	S 466	The bill would amend Part 126 (Smoking in Public Places) of the Public Health Code to allow a cigar bar that met specified conditions and whose smoking ban exemption had lapsed to requalify for the exemption if the owner or operator of the bar filed an affidavit certifying those conditions.	Kristen McDonald Rivet	9/6/23 – Introduced, Referred to Committee on Regulatory Affairs 10/10/23 – Referred to Committee on the Whole 10/24/23 – Referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

BILLS & REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MENTAL HEALTH				
Priority	BILL #	SUMMARY	SPONSOR(s)	STATUS/ACTION DATE
***	S. 2993	<p>Ensuring Excellence in Mental Health Act: The legislation would amend the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to permanently authorize Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) – it establishes a federal definition of CCBHCs into law and create the infrastructure needed to achieve the long-term vision of the model.</p> <p>*Supported by CMHAM</p>	Debbie Stabenow	09/28/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

BILLS & REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SUD				
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	H.Res. 39	A res. Requesting that all illicit fentanyl and illicit fentanyl-related substances should be permanently placed in Schedule I; and for other purposes.	Neal Dunn	1/17/23-Introduced and referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce & Committee on the Judiciary 1/27/23 - Referred to the House Subcommittee on Health.
	N/A – Proposed Rule	There is a proposed rule by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that would permanently allow providers to prescribe buprenorphine specifically for opioid use disorder treatment without an in-person visit in an opioid treatment program, but this is still in the proposal phase with comments due on Feb. 14, 2023.	SAMHSA	12/16/22 – Proposed 2/14/23 – Public Comment Due Federal Register :: Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder
	HR 901	To require the Food and Drug Administration to prioritize enforcement of disposable electronic nicotine delivery system products.	Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	2/09/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. 2/17/23 - Referred to the House Subcommittee on Health.
	S. 464	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for advertising and promotional expenses for tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems.	Jeanne Shaheen	2/16/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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	HR 610	Marijuana 1-3 Act of 2023: A bill to provide for the rescheduling of marijuana into schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act.	Gregory Steube	1/27/23 - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary
	HR 467	HALT Fentanyl Act (S.1141): This bill places fentanyl-related substances as a class into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act; the bill establishes a new, alternative registration process for schedule I research that is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Veterans Affairs or that is conducted under an investigative new drug exemption from the Food and Drug Administration.	H. Morgan Griffith/Bill Cassidy 5	03/24/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 – 19 (S)-3/30/23-Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. 5/17/2023 - Placed on Union Calendar #47 5/25/2023 – House adopted the amendment 5/30/2023 – Received in Senate and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.
	HR 1291	Stopping Overdoses of Fentanyl Analogues Act: To amend the Controlled Substances Act to list fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances.	Scott Fitzgerald	03/01/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary 3/10/23 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
	HR 1839	Combating Illicit Xylazine Act (S.993): To prohibit certain uses of xylazine.	Jimmy Panetta/ Catherine Cortez Masto 7	03/28/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary (S)-3/28/23-Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 4/7/23 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
	S.983	Overcoming Prevalent Inadequacies in Overdose Information Data Sets Act or “OPIOIDS” Act: The Attorney General may award grants to States, territories, and localities to support improved data and surveillance on opioid-related overdoses, including for activities to improve postmortem toxicology testing, data linkage across data systems throughout the United States, electronic death reporting, or the comprehensiveness.	Rick Scott	03/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the committee on the Judiciary
	HR 1734	TRANQ Research Act: To require coordinated National Institute of Standards and Technology science and research activities regarding illicit drugs containing xylazine, novel synthetic opioids, and other substances of concern, and for other purposes.	Mike Collins	03/29/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 36 – 0 5/15/23 - Passed in House, Received in Senate 6/26/23 – Passed in Senate

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	S 606	To require the Food and Drug Administration to revoke the approval of one opioid pain medication for each new opioid pain medication approved.	Joe Manchin	03/01/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
	HR 2867 & S 1235	Bruce's Law: Re-introduced as new bills (formerly HR 9221 in 2022). To establish an awareness campaign related to the lethality of fentanyl and fentanyl-contaminated drugs, to establish a Federal Interagency Work Group on Fentanyl Contamination of Drugs, and to provide community-based coalition enhancement grants to mitigate the effects of drug use.	David Trone & Lisa Murkowski	04/20/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. 04/25/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 04/28/2023 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
***	HR 2891 & S 1323	SAFE Banking Act: To create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes. ***The LRE opposes this bill, as it indirectly supports the federal legalization of marijuana.	David Joyce & Jeff Merkley	5/3/23 - Referred to Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity 5/11/23 - Referred to Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
***	S 2860	SafER Banking Act: To create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.	Jeff Merkley	9/20/2023 - Read twice and referred to the committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. 9/28/2023 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 215.
	HR 3375	To establish programs to address addiction and overdoses caused by illicit fentanyl and other opioids, and for other purposes.	Ann Kuster	05/16/2023-Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary 5/19/2023 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
	HR 4106	To amend the 21st Century Cures Act to expressly authorize the use of certain grants to implement substance use disorder and overdose prevention activities with respect to fentanyl and xylazine test strips.	Jasmine Crockett	06/14/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 06/16/2023 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
	S. 1785	To establish programs to address addiction and overdoses caused by illicit fentanyl and other opioids; i.e, enhanced surveillance, collection of overdose data, increase fentanyl detection and screening abilities, and other purposes.	Ed. Markey	05/31/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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	HR 3563	STRIP Act: To amend the Controlled Substances Act to exempt from punishment the possession, sale, or purchase of fentanyl drug testing equipment.	Jasmine Crockett	05/22/2023 - Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce 05/26/2023 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
	S. 1080	Cooper Davis Act – This legislation would require Big Tech to take a more proactive role against drug dealing on their social media platforms. It will amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations. <i>(Any and all electronic communications programs/applications will be required to submit reports of communications that include the sale of any counterfeit or illicit substance within a reasonable time; failure to do so will result in penalties.)</i>	Roger Marshall	3/30/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. 7/13/2023 - Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. 09/05/2023 - Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report, Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 200.
	HR 3684	To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a grant program for using psychedelic substances to treat certain conditions, and for other purposes.	Dan Crenshaw	5/25/2023-Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
	HR 4531 & S 2433	Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act: The bill was originally passed in 2018. This bill would reauthorize certain programs under the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act, and for other purposes. <i>(Reauthorize Block Grant Funding for current programs, and expansion of MAT Studies for OUD, FASD support, and others.)</i>	Brett Guthrie Bill Cassidy	7/11/2023 – Introduced in House, referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee 7/19/23 - Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 49 – 0 07/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 9/28/23 – Committee consideration and mark-up sessions held; ordered to be reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 29-3.
	HR 3521	Saving America’s Future by Educating Kids Act of 2023: To direct the Secretary of Education to develop and disseminate an evidence-based curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 on the dangers of vaping and misusing opioids, synthetic drugs, and related substances	Alexander Mooney	5/18/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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	HR 4105 & S 1475	To amend the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit certain acts related to fentanyl, analogues of fentanyl, and counterfeit substances, Drug Enforcement Administration shall establish and implement an operation and response plan to address counterfeit fentanyl or methamphetamine substances that includes specific ways that prevention and education efforts stop the use of counterfeit pills, how ongoing efforts are effective in increasing education and prevention, how they are tailored to youth and teen access, and how those programs can be tailored, adjusted, or improved to better address the flow of counterfeit fentanyl or methamphetamine; and for other purposes.	Ken Buck Chuck Grassley	05/09/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 06/16/2023 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
	HR 3570	To provide public awareness and outreach regarding the dangers of fentanyl, to expand the grants authorized under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, to expand treatment and recovery services for people with opioid addictions, and to increase and to provide enhanced penalties for certain offenses involving counterfeit pills.	Sheila Jackson Lee	05/26/2023 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
	HR 4582	Protecting Kids from Fentanyl Act of 2023: To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the use of Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grants to purchase life-saving opioid antagonists for schools and to provide related training and education to students and teachers, and for other purposes.	Doug Lamborn	07/12/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
	S 2699	Opioid RADAR Act: To combat the fentanyl crisis by: 1. Secretary of Health and Human Services may award grants to States, territories, and localities to support improved data and surveillance on opioid-related overdoses, including for activities to improve postmortem toxicology testing, data linkage across data systems throughout the United States, electronic death reporting, or the comprehensiveness of data on fatal and nonfatal opioid-related overdoses. 2. Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in collaboration with the Attorney General or their designee, shall carry out a pilot program to award grants on a competitive basis to municipal wastewater treatment facilities in order to conduct wastewater analysis to determine the prevalence of certain illicit substances, such as fentanyl or xylazine, 3. The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities to provide for the administration, at public and private elementary and secondary schools under the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, of drugs and devices for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose.	Rick Scott	07/27/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
	S 2484	To ensure that States do not prohibit an individual from obtaining, possessing, distributing, or using life-saving drug testing technologies, and for other purposes. <i>(More than 12 states currently have laws prohibiting the purchase, use, or possession of fentanyl testing strips)</i>	Cory Booker	07/25/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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	HR 5040	To amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to limit the consideration of marihuana use when making a security clearance or employment suitability determination, and for other purposes.	Jamie Raskin	07/27/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability 9/20/2023 - Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held, Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 30 - 14.
	S 2650	To establish a Commission on the Federal Regulation of Cannabis to study a prompt and plausible pathway to the Federal regulation of cannabis, and for other purposes	John Hickenlooper	07/27/2023 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 9/20/23 – Committee consideration and mark-up sessions held; ordered to be reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 30-14
	HR 5625	To establish education partnership programs between public schools and public health agencies to prevent the misuse and overdose of synthetic opioids by youth	Suzanne Bonamici	09/21/2023 - Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
	HR 5506	HANDS Act: To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title 10, United States Code, to provide no-cost coverage for the preventive distribution of opioid overdose reversal drugs.	Brittany Petersen	09/14/2023 - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Armed Services
	HR 5420	Workplace Overdose Reversal Kits to Save Lives Act: To require the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance and regulations regarding opioid overdose reversal medication and employee training via OSHA	Bonnie Watson-Coleman	9/12/2023 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
	HR 5323	Stop Pot Act: To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a national requirement against the use of marijuana for recreational purposes.	Chuck Edwards	9/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
	HR 5715 & S2929	Tobacco Tax Equity Act of 2023: This bill increases the excise tax on cigarettes and cigars and equalizes tax rates among all other tobacco products. It also imposes a tax on nicotine for use in vaping.	Raja Krishnamoorthi	9/26/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means 09/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
	HR 5652	Stop Overdose in Schools Act: To amend the 21st Century Cures Act to require funds to be set aside for opioid reversal agent administration training in schools, and for other purposes.	Newhouse	9/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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	HR 5801	Preventing Overdoses with Test Strips Act: To ensure that expenses relating to the acquisition or use of devices for use in the detection of fentanyl, xylazine, and other emerging adulterant substances, including test strips, are allowable expenses under any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement entered into by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under this Act.	Josh Gottheimer	9/28/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. 9/28/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
	S2919	ALERT Communities Act : Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, shall develop and make publicly available research and marketing frameworks for developing, improving, and evaluating test strip technology for detecting fentanyl and other dangerous substances; The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall— conduct a study on the impact of the availability, accessibility, and usage of drug checking supplies, including test strips, on frequency of overdose, overdose deaths, and engagement in substance use disorder treatment and report the findings to Congress.	Hassan	9/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
	S2946	School Access to Naloxone Act of 2023: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide funding for trained school personnel to administer drugs and devices for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose	Merkley	9/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
	S 3070	Youth Prevention and Recovery Reauthorization Act: A bill to reauthorize funding to hospitals, local governments, and other eligible entities to increase access to opioid addiction medications for adolescents and young adults who have been diagnosed with opioid use disorder, improve local awareness among youth of the risks associated with fentanyl, and train healthcare providers, families, and school personnel on the best practices to support children and adolescents with opioid use disorder. Reauthorize the Youth Prevention and Recovery Initiative, which has provided three-year grants to youth-focused entities for carrying out substance use disorder treatment, prevention, and recovery support services. The legislation also expanded an existing youth substance use disorder program to include services for young adults as well as children and adolescents.	Peters	Introduced 10/18/23
	HR 3721	United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act: This bill authorizes the mailing of alcoholic beverages by certain entities in accordance with the delivery requirements otherwise applicable to a privately carried shipment; directs the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to prescribe regulations (1) requiring direct delivery to a duly authorized agent at a postal facility or to the addressee, who must be at least 21 years of age and present a valid, government-issued photo identification at the time of delivery; (2) prohibiting such alcoholic beverages from being for resale or any other commercial purpose; and (3) requiring such entity to certify that the mailing is not in violation of applicable laws or regulations and to provide other information as directed by the USPS.	Newhouse	5/25/2023 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

LOCAL THREATS AND CHALLENGES				
	ISSUE	SUMMARY	COUNTY	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/LINKS
	End of PHE Medicaid Beneficiary Renewals	MDHHS has started mailing renewal letters for Medicaid redeterminations following the end of the Public Health Emergency . Emergency Medicaid coverage protection extended during the COVID-19 pandemic expired on April 1st. This could result in up to 400,000 Michigan residents losing Medicaid coverage.		www.Michigan.gov/2023BenefitChanges Medicaid review could drop 400,000 Michigan residents from coverage Bridge Michigan

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

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	FY24 State Budget Recommendations	<p>Governor Whitmer’s FY2024 State Budget Recommendation includes the following areas related to behavioral health and SUD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 million for student mental health to ensure students’ needs can be identified and provided with the right support. • \$210.1 million for Direct Care Worker Wages (\$74.5 million general fund) to increase wage support to direct care professionals providing Medicaid behavioral health services, care at skilled nursing facilities, community-based supports through MI Choice, MI Health Link, and Home Help programs and in-home services funded through area agencies on agencies. These funds support an increase that would average about \$1.50 / hour (10%) • \$5 million for behavioral health recruitment supports (general fund) that would fund scholarships and other recruiting tools to attract and support people interested in training to become behavioral health providers. 		<p>Access budget material at:</p> <p>https://www.michigan.gov/budget</p>
	MIHealthyLife	In fall 2023, MDHHS will ask Medicaid health plans for new contract proposals to provide health services to people enrolled in Medicaid, including Behavioral Health. MDHHS is providing a survey for stakeholders to submit ideas to make the program better and collecting input about potential changes to the new contracts.		MIHealthyLife (michigan.gov)

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	CMS Plan for States to Use Medicaid for Incarcerated Substance Use Treatment	Recently, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Dr. Rahul Gupta, announced that all federal prisons will offer medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for substance use disorder by this summer. Additionally, Dr. Gupta noted that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will release guidance to support states in using Medicaid 1115 waivers to cover substance use treatment for people who are incarcerated		A disappointing report card for primary care - POLITICO (relevant information is about halfway down the page)
	Post-Pandemic Telehealth Policy	The recently released Michigan Medicaid bulletin reflects all of the recommendations of the CMHA Behavioral Telehealth Advisory Group		Final Bulletin MMP 23-10-Telemedicine.pdf (govdelivery.com)
	Biden-Harris Administration Announce New Proposed Parity Rules	The Biden Administration's new proposal would significantly strengthen the nation's parity enforcement and ensure that people with mental health and substance use conditions do not face arbitrary barriers to receiving care. The proposed rule is aimed at improving health plan compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA), which requires health plans to provide mental health and substance use coverage at parity with medical/surgical coverage. A public comment period on the proposed rule will follow.		7/25/2023: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Treasury announce proposed rules to strengthen Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act HHS.gov

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