

Legislative Analysis



MENOPAUSE AWARENESS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

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House Bill 4790 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Jamie Thompson

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House Bill 4791 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Samantha Steckloff

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4791 would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to work with certain *qualified organizations* to establish a menopause transition awareness education program.

Qualified organizations would mean the Michigan Board of Medicine, the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, and organizations that promote the health of women during menopause.

The bill would require DHHS to develop or adopt and implement a program that explains all of the following:

- What happens during menopause and post-menopause.
- Chronic conditions related to menopause.
- Treatment options that may be prescribed by a health professional for symptoms, changes, and conditions, and available tools to screen individuals for menopause.
- Any other information DHHS considers necessary or appropriate to educate the public and health professionals on menopause and chronic conditions related to menopause.

DHHS would then have to share this information with health professionals and the public and could post the information on its website.

Proposed MCL 333.9135

House Bill 4790 would amend the Public Health Code to require the Michigan Board of Medicine and the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery to approve a continuing education course or program on women's midlife health for physicians renewing their licenses.

Current law requires physicians and osteopathic physicians in Michigan to complete at least 150 hours of continuing education within the three years before license renewal. Some topics are mandatory, but physicians can choose from other approved courses to make up the remaining hours. However, no approved courses on women's midlife health are currently offered.

The bill would require the boards to approve a continuing education course or program on women's midlife health that physicians can use to meet part of their existing training requirement. The course or program would have to cover how to communicate with patients and how to prepare for treating menopause symptoms and related long-term health conditions. The boards would also have to inform physicians about the approved programs and encourage physicians to complete them as part of the continuing education requirement.

Proposed MCL 333.17033 and 333.17533

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4790 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The bill would require LARA to promulgate rules approving a continuing education course or program on women's midlife health. Though the department may incur costs associated with the rules promulgation process, any costs are likely to be absorbed by existing appropriations.

House Bill 4791 would increase state expenditures for the Department of Health and Human Services by an indeterminate amount and have no fiscal impact on local units of government. The fiscal impact of the bill would be dependent on the administrative cost of the creation, implementation, and dissemination to health professionals and the public of the menopause education materials.

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on LARA. The bill would require the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, housed under LARA, to provide consultation to DHHS for developing a menopause transition awareness education program. Though LARA may incur costs associated with additional board responsibilities, any costs are likely to be absorbed by existing appropriations.

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