



**Public Comments for S.B. 956 – 2020  
COVID Positive Placement in Nursing Homes  
July 2020**

LeadingAge Michigan works toward systems of care that provide quality outcomes, work for the consumer, and are cost effective; however, recent changes in the regulatory and legal environment, caused by the pandemic have challenged our member's ability to serve.

As Michigan's Not-for-profit Skilled Nursing Facility Representative, LeadingAge Michigan is supportive of a comprehensive review of not only the Regional Hub concept but also the criteria for placing COVID-19 positive individuals in the state's nursing homes. To this end, we recently learned that MDHHS has contracted with the Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT), associated with the University of Michigan, to review Michigan's Regional HUB program.

Additionally, Governor Whitmer recently established the Michigan Nursing Homes COVID-19 Preparedness Task Force. Charging this task force with the important task of helping to prepare the state for a potential second wave.

The members of the task force represent many of the state's long term care experts, departmental and legislative leadership and are required to provide periodic updates. It is the opinion of LeadingAge Michigan to let this task force, armed with the results of CHRT report draft their final review due August 31, 2020 before taking legislative action. As the only statewide association that represents the full continuum of not for profit providers we respectfully ask that you consider our request.

Thank you,

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