

HB 5298

Licensure of Psychiatric Residential Treatment
Facilities for persons younger than 21 years of age.

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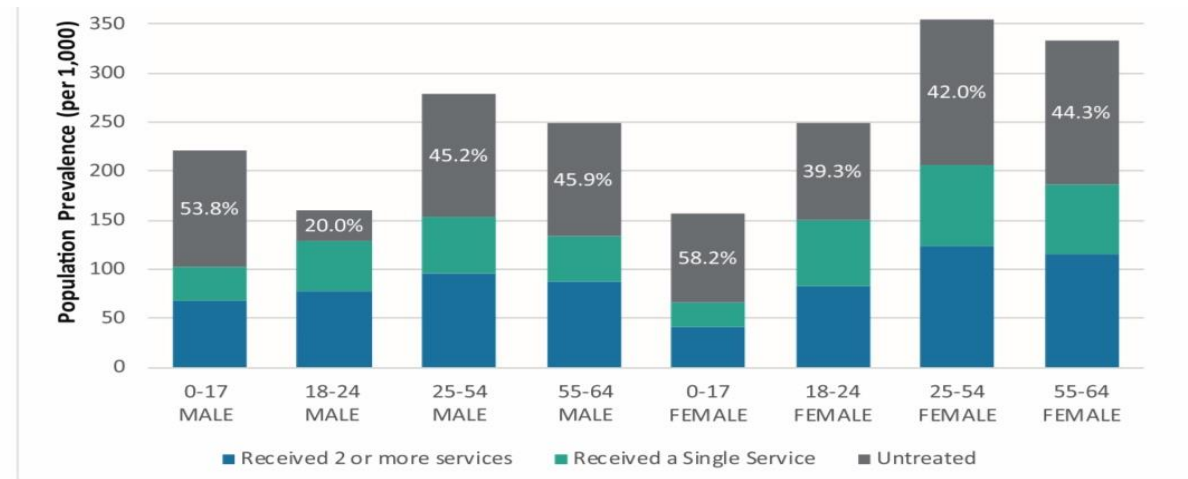
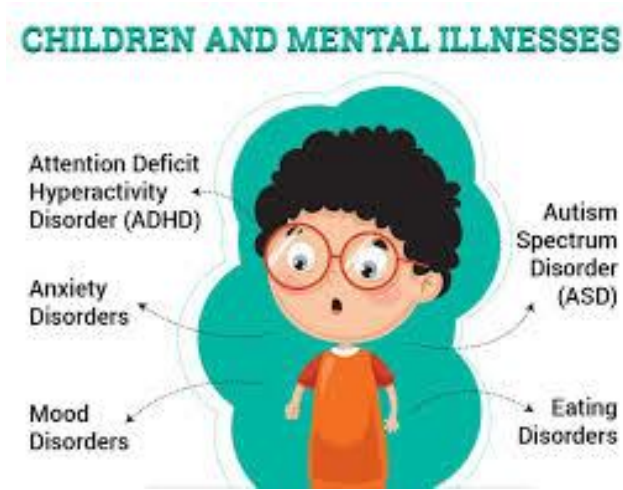
What is the problem that we are trying to solve?

We know that there is a urgent lack of mental health support for children, from mental health professionals to psychiatric facilities.

We also know how important early intervention is to give these children the tools of resiliency that they need as they grow up.

How many children are we missing? How many are we leaving without help? What is the societal impact because these children are growing up and having children themselves?

It is estimated that over half of children and youth ages 0-17 with mental illness remain untreated.



One part of the problem:
We have a huge shortage
of inpatient psychiatric
beds.



Our current capacity for children in Michigan:

State owned Hawthorn Center in Northville
has a capacity of up to 50 beds.

Private facilities add an additional 318 beds,
and there are no beds north of Saginaw.

At any point, there are hundreds of children
waiting for inpatient care.



One way to improve the access to care for children: HB 5298

Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) for children will be established under HB 5298.

This licensing bill establishes a residential facility license for the care or treatment of children up to the age of 21 years with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or developmental disability.

How will this help our children?

Psychiatric hospitals are necessary for the most critical of patients. We have a long list of children waiting to have inpatient care. If we can transition hospitalized children who are stable, but not ready to go home, to a less intense residential care setting, more children will get the critical care that they need.

If children do not need the intensity of a psychiatric hospital, a PRTF may be a better solution.



Bill content

- 1) Defines Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) as a facility other than a hospital that provides psychiatric services to individuals under the age of 21 in an inpatient setting.
- 2) Designates the DHHS to establish PRTFs for Medicaid youth, subject to the appropriation of sufficient funding.
- 3) Designates the DHHS to select PRTF providers through a request for proposals process. Public or private providers may respond to the request for proposals, including those that provide state-operated services. To be eligible for reimbursement:
 - a) Be certified by the department.
 - b) Be accredited by the Joint Commission, Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or Council on Accreditation.
 - c) Be enrolled in the Medicaid Management Information System.
 - d) Any other requirement the DHHS considers appropriate and necessary to provide PRTF services and comply with current law.
- 4) It is the intent that the number of beds per provider site be limited to 8-12.
- 5) The department may establish Medicaid policy and promulgate administrative rules necessary to implement this section.



Thank you for your
consideration of
HB 5298!



Together we can bring
hope to the children and
families of our state.

