



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Angela
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Witwer
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.  
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Altarum Institute
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
26200 Town Center Drive, Suite 350 Novi, MI 48375
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
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7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Rep. Breen - 21st
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.  
\$750K for the continued operation of the e-consent tool in sec. 451(b)

This multi-component behavioral health proposal focuses on improving access to long-term BH services by employing primary care physicians, telehealth, and comprehensive statewide BH information resources for licensed healthcare providers. The Altarum program closes the gap between identifying BH issues in patients, the source of recent large state budget investments, and ensuring patients actually receive BH treatment. The program trains primary care physicians and staff to recognize BH issues in patients but also creates a direct referral system to BH care providers. Further, Altarum provides an

electronic e-consent tool for MDHHS allowing healthcare providers to quickly understand the types of sensitive patient information they can share under state and federal laws. To coordinate care across physical and behavioral health (BH) services, patients and providers require timely access to shared patient information. However, providers and payers in Michigan have been slow to exchange BH information- largely due to increasingly complex and conflicting privacy, confidentiality, and consent regulations at both federal and state levels, and a lack of clarity and understanding around these laws. Altarum's proprietary tool is housed on the MDHHS website and helps providers and payers navigate the federal and state laws that govern sharing PHI. The tool is very popular with hundreds of downloads by providers and provider groups.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

750000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State","Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

Joseph Fifer, Linda Elam, Melanie Bella, Rosemary Gibson, Jennie Chin Hansen, Michael Monson, Laquandra Nesbitt, Thomas Ranese, Bruce Vladeck, Kevin Womack

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

10/1/25 - 9/30/26

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes