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Rep. VerHeulen Statement on MDHHS Budget

Today, Rep. VerHeulen issued the following statement regarding Section 298 of the Executive Budget request for the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Budget:

“After spending several weeks reviewing the proposed language in Section 298, I want to ensure stakeholders, patients, and Michiganders that the language will not be included in the House MDHHS budget.

I appreciate the work of the Department of Health and Human Services in exploring new and innovative ideas to enhance the care of beneficiaries in the state of Michigan. Mental health is one of the most critical aspects of our health care system, and it is important that we carefully review proposed changes.

The language in Section 298 will be removed in the House MDHHS budget. I am always open to proposed changes that prioritize more efficient and effective mental health care. I appreciate the workgroup process that has been initiated by Lieutenant Governor Calley and MDHHS, and look forward to analyzing the results of that workgroup process.

The House Appropriations MDHHS Subcommittee will continue to work to craft a budget that ensures a high level of responsible care for Michiganders. Health care will remain a pressing issue, and the subcommittee looks forward to tackling the other challenges we face with Michigan’s health care and social safety net systems.”