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3 **Title: Tuberculosis as Qualifying Condition for Medicaid**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**  
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14 **Whereas, tuberculosis (TB) is second only to HIV/AIDS as the greatest killer**  
15 **worldwide due to a single infectious agent, and**

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17 **Whereas, without proper treatment up to two thirds of people ill with TB will**  
18 **die, and**

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20 **Whereas, TB is spread from person to person through the air, with a person**  
21 **needing to inhale only a few of these germs to become infected, and**

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23 **Whereas, the average active TB patient without adequate treatment spreads**  
24 **the infection to 10 to 15 persons per year, and**

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26 **Whereas, most states in the U.S. have TB as a qualifying condition for**  
27 **Medicaid coverage, Michigan does not, and**

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29 **Whereas, ongoing budget cuts at all levels of public health have resulted in**  
30 **continuing loss of funding for TB treatment, with the burden of these costs falling**  
31 **on hospitals that have accepted care of the patient and on the local health**  
32 **departments, and**

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34 **Whereas, it is common during the course of treatment, that a patient who is**  
35 **otherwise ready for discharge to a long term care facility or other congregate**  
36 **setting, must remain in air-borne isolation until they are no longer deemed a risk to**  
37 **spread TB; therefore be it**

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39 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the State Medicaid and tuberculosis (TB)**  
40 **programs to make TB disease a qualifying condition for Medicaid and other health**  
41 **care coverage in the State of Michigan; and be it further**

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43 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Community**  
44 **Health (MDCH) to support the financial costs of treating tuberculosis (TB) in each**  
45 **county and advocate for the availability of negative pressure rooms in non-hospital**  
46 **settings for persons with infectious TB.**

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49 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**