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Executive Branch

Governor

State Departments/Agencies

- MI Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) – population health, public sector policy and financing (physical, behavioral) and Medicaid

www.michigan.gov/dhhs

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- MI Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
(LARA) – all health professional, program and
facility licensure

www.michigan.gov/lara

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- MI Department of Education (MDE) – educational policy, school performance, student testing, financial aid, special education
- www.michigan.gov/mde

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- MI Department of Insurance & Financial Services (DIFS) – regulates individuals and businesses in financial and insurance industries, including Michigan’s health insurance exchange

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- MI Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) – workforce development, unemployment and workers compensation, MSHDA, land bank, Michigan Rehabilitation Services

- www.michigan.gov/leo

MDHHS Leadership Team

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https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_73993---,00.html

Legislature

148 elected members

110 House

38 Senate

Year- round (full time) Legislature

22 – 16 Republican majority in Senate

58 – 52 Republican majority in House

Two year session schedule

100th Legislature (2019 - 2020) began on January 1
and will end on December 31, 2020

Michigan Elections

Michigan's legislative term limits are among the strictest in the nation.

State House – 3 terms of 2 years each (6 years)

State Senate – 2 terms of 4 years each (8 years)

= 14 year lifetime limit

Approved in 1992 by constitutional amendment,
affecting lawmakers sworn in after January 1, 1993

2018 Election Highlights

Dems control Governor, Attorney General & Secretary of State for the first time in 32 years

Schuetz won in 66 counties but Whitmer won in most populous (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Kent

Voters > 4.3 million, 52% of voting population; absentee ballots were 1.16 million of those

Women instrumental in flipped seats: 4/5 of Senate seats and 4/6 of House seats

2018 Election Highlights

Total women in state House = 42 (17 R, 25 D)

Total women in state Senate = 11 (3 R, 8 D)

Gender percentage in Legislature = 34%, putting Michigan 27th among states

Total of 64 women elected across all statewide races (53 state Legislature, MI Supreme Court, US House, US Senate, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Governor)

New in the Legislature for 2019 – 2020

- Many (many!) new members (Senate – 30, House – 47)
- New leadership (Senator Shirkey, Speaker Chatfield)
- New committees
- New procedures: House “dual review” process for all bills; only 4 committees – Appropriations, Judiciary, Government Operations, and Ways & Means – have authority to advance bills to the House floor for vote

www.michiganlegislature.org

Current Issues

Auto Insurance Reform – Senate Bill 1/ Public Act 21 of 2019; House Bill 4397/Public Act 22 of 2019

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/billanalysis/House/pdf/2019-HLA-0001-0034B9E0.pdf>

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/billanalysis/House/pdf/2019-HLA-4397-09B5F53F.pdf>

Impact on Medicaid? On health insurance premiums?
On other auto-related coverage?

Current Issues

Transportation Infrastructure – “Fix The Damn Roads”

Fuel tax increase?

Redirect existing resources?

Sell state assets?

Toll roads?

Delay state debt retirement?

How do road solutions affect other state programs and services affected by General Fund, sales tax, etc.?

Current Issues

Potential redistricting in 2020?

34 statewide districts (practically would affect all)

Special election for state Senate/conflict with state term limits?

Voters Not Politicians already redistricting in 2021

Order currently under stay from SCOTUS

Potential legislative vacancy (resignation or expulsion) in 104th; special election?

FY 2019-2020 State Budget

MDHHS - Senate Bill 139, House Bill 4235

Points of difference & discussion

Autism services funding

Information technology funding

Behavioral health integration (sec. 298; Care
Coordination pilot; Oakland Co. pilot)

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MDHHS - Senate Bill 139, House Bill 4235

Points of difference & discussion (continued)

Managed Long Term Supports and Services

Direct Caregiver Wages

Medicaid behavioral health fee schedule

Caro Mental Health Center

I/DD services through entities besides CMHSP

FY 2019-2020 State Budget

MDE – Senate Bill 136, House Bill 4232

K-12/School Aid – Senate Bill 146, House Bill 4242

Transportation – Senate Bill 149, House Bill 4246

Your Role (Opportunity + Responsibility) as Advocates

Successful advocacy must

- Include both branches of government
- Include both statutory and regulatory engagement
- Be both pro-active and reactive
- Be both strategic and properly timed

The good news: Advocacy done right, Works!

General Advocacy Tips #2 - 8

- Engage your lawmakers in district when possible
- Communicate via call or email, personal meetings, testimony
- Arrange site visits
- Be courteous
- Be timely
- Be confident
- Be coordinated
- Be persistent

General Advocacy Tips

TIP #1

PARTICIPATE!

General Advocacy Tips

BONUS IDEA:

**Have you thought about seeking
office yourself?**



THANK YOU!