

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 499**

A bill to provide definitions for the complex needs patient act.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "complex needs patient definitions act".

3           Sec. 3. As used in this act and the complex needs patient act:

4           (a) "Complex needs patient" means an individual with a  
5 diagnosis of a medical condition that results in significant  
6 physical impairment or functional limitation. Complex needs patient  
7 includes, but is not limited to, an individual with spinal cord  
8 injury, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy,  
9 spina bifida, osteogenesis imperfecta, arthrogryposis, amyotrophic  
10 lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, demyelinating disease,



1 myelopathy, myopathy, progressive muscular atrophy, anterior horn  
2 cell disease, post-polio syndrome, cerebellar degeneration,  
3 dystonia, Huntington's disease, spinocerebellar disease, and  
4 certain types of amputation, paralysis, or paresis that result in  
5 significant physical impairment or functional limitation. A complex  
6 needs patient must meet medical necessity requirements in order to  
7 qualify for receiving complex rehabilitation technology.

8 (b) "Complex rehabilitation technology" means an item  
9 classified within the Medicare program as of January 1, 2020, as  
10 durable medical equipment that is individually configured for an  
11 individual to meet his or her specific and unique medical,  
12 physical, and functional needs and capacity for basic activities of  
13 daily living and instrumental activities of daily living identified  
14 as medically necessary. Complex rehabilitation technology includes,  
15 but is not limited to, complex rehabilitation manual and power  
16 wheelchairs and options or accessories, adaptive seating and  
17 positioning items and options or accessories, and other specialized  
18 equipment such as standing frames and gait trainers and options or  
19 accessories.

20 (c) "Department" means the department of health and human  
21 services.

22 (d) "Employee" means an employee as defined in section 3401(c)  
23 of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 3401. Any person from  
24 whom an employer is required to withhold for federal income tax  
25 purposes shall prima facie be deemed an employee. Employee does not  
26 include a contract employee.

27 (e) "Healthcare common procedure coding system" or "HCPCS"  
28 means the billing codes used by Medicare and overseen by the  
29 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that are based



1 on the current procedural technology codes developed by the  
2 American Medical Association.

3 (f) "Individually configured" means a device has a combination  
4 of sizes, features, adjustments, or modifications that a qualified  
5 complex rehabilitation technology supplier can customize to a  
6 specific individual by measuring, fitting, programming, adjusting,  
7 or adapting the device as appropriate so that the device is  
8 consistent with an assessment or evaluation of the individual by a  
9 qualified health care professional and consistent with the  
10 individual's medical condition, physical and functional needs and  
11 capacities, body size, period of need, and intended use.

12 (g) "Qualified complex rehabilitation technology professional"  
13 means an individual who is certified as an assistive technology  
14 professional by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive  
15 Technology Society of North America or as a certified complex  
16 rehabilitation technology supplier by the National Registry of  
17 Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers, or an individual who is  
18 approved by the department, but only if a qualified complex  
19 rehabilitation technology supplier is unavailable.

20 (h) "Qualified complex rehabilitation technology supplier"  
21 means a company or entity that is or does all of the following or a  
22 company or entity approved by the department, but only if a  
23 qualified complex rehabilitation technology supplier is  
24 unavailable:

25 (i) Is accredited by a recognized accrediting organization as a  
26 supplier of complex rehabilitation technology.

27 (ii) Is an enrolled Medicare supplier and meets the supplier  
28 and quality standards established for durable medical equipment  
29 suppliers, including the standards for complex rehabilitation



1 technology, under the Medicare program.

2 (iii) Has at least 1 employee who is a qualified complex  
3 rehabilitation technology professional for each location to do the  
4 following:

5 (A) Analyze the needs and capacities of the complex needs  
6 patient in consultation with qualified health care professionals.

7 (B) Participate in the selection of appropriate complex  
8 rehabilitation technology for the needs and capacities of the  
9 complex needs patient.

10 (C) Provide technology-related training in the proper use of  
11 the complex rehabilitation technology.

12 (iv) Requires a qualified complex rehabilitation technology  
13 professional be physically present for the evaluation and  
14 determination of appropriate complex rehabilitation technology.

15 (v) Has the capability to provide service and repair by a  
16 qualified technician for all complex rehabilitation technology it  
17 sells.

18 (vi) Provides written information at the time of delivery of  
19 complex rehabilitation technology regarding how the complex needs  
20 patient may receive service and repair.

21 (i) "Qualified health care professional" means a health care  
22 professional licensed by the department of licensing and regulatory  
23 affairs under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,  
24 MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, who has no financial relationship with  
25 a qualified complex rehabilitation technology supplier. If a  
26 qualified complex rehabilitation technology supplier is owned by a  
27 hospital, the health care professional may be employed by the  
28 hospital and work in an inpatient or outpatient setting. Qualified  
29 health care professional includes, but is not limited to, a



1 licensed physician, a licensed physical therapist, a licensed  
2 occupational therapist, or other licensed health care professional  
3 who performs specialty evaluations within the professional's scope  
4 of practice.

5 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless  
6 Senate Bill No. 500 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.

