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A BILL

То	enact sections 2108.36, 2108.37, and 2108.38 of	1
	the Revised Code regarding anatomical gifts,	2
	transplantation, and discrimination on the basis	3
	of disability and to make an appropriation.	4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2108.36, 2108.37, and 2108.38 of	5
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	6
Sec. 2108.36. (A) As used in this section and sections	7
2108.37 and 2108.38 of the Revised Code:	8
(1) "Auxiliary aid or service" means an aid or service	9
that is used to provide information to an individual with a	10

cognitive, developmental, intellectual, neurological, or	11
physical disability and is available in a format or manner that	12
allows the individual to easily understand the information. An	13
auxiliary aid or service may include the following:	14
(a) A qualified interpreter or other effective means of	15
making aurally delivered materials available to an individual	16
<pre>with a hearing impairment;</pre>	17
(b) A qualified reader, taped text, text in an accessible	18
electronic format, or other effective means of making visually	19
delivered materials available to an individual with a visual	20
<pre>impairment;</pre>	21
(c) A supported decision-making service, including the	22
<pre>following:</pre>	23
(i) The use of an individual to communicate information to	24
the individual with a disability, ascertain the wishes of the	25
individual, or assist the individual in making decisions;	26
(ii) The disclosure of information to a legal guardian,	27
authorized representative, or another individual designated by	28
the individual with a disability for such purpose, as long as	29
the disclosure is consistent with state and federal law,	30
including the federal "Health Insurance Portability and	31
Accountability Act of 1996," 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq. and any	32
regulations promulgated by the United States department of	33
health and human services to implement the act.	34
(2) "Covered entity" means any of the following:	35
(a) A licensed health professional as defined in section	36
3721.21 of the Revised Code;	37
(b) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the	38

Revised Code or as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised	39
Code;	40
(c) An ambulatory surgical facility as defined in section	41
3702.30 of the Revised Code;	42
(d) A hospice care program as defined in section 3712.01	43
of the Revised Code;	44
(e) A public hospital as defined in section 5122.01 of the	45
Revised Code;	46
(f) A home, including a nursing home, residential care	47
facility, or home for the aging as defined in section 3721.01 of	48
the Revised Code or a veterans' home operated under Chapter	49
5907. of the Revised Code;	50
(g) A residential facility as defined in section 5119.34	51
or section 5123.19 of the Revised Code;	52
(h) An intermediate care facility for individuals with	53
intellectual disabilities as described in section 5124.01 of the	54
Revised Code;	5.5
(i) A long-term care facility as defined in section	56
3721.21 of the Revised Code;	57
(j) A correctional medical center established by the	58
department of rehabilitation and corrections;	5.9
(k) Any entity responsible for matching anatomical gift	60
donors to potential recipients.	61
(3) "Disability" has the same meaning as in the "Americans	62
with Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. 12102.	63
(4) "Qualified recipient" means a recipient who has a	64
disability and meets the eligibility requirements for receipt of	65

an anatomical gift with or without any of the following:	66
(a) Individuals or entities available to support and	67
assist the recipient with an anatomical gift or transplantation;	68
(b) Auxiliary aids or services;	69
(c) Reasonable modifications to the policies, practices,	70
or procedures of a covered entity, including modifications to	71
allow for either or both of the following:	72
(i) Communication with one or more individuals or entities	73
available to support or assist with the recipient's care after	74
<pre>surgery or transplantation;</pre>	75
(ii) Consideration of the availability of such individuals	76
or entities when determining whether the recipient is able to	77
comply with medical requirements following transplantation.	78
(B) A covered entity shall not do any of the following	79
solely on the basis of an individual's disability:	80
(1) Consider a qualified recipient ineligible for	81
transplantation or to receive an anatomical gift;	82
(2) Deny medical or other services related to	83
transplantation, including evaluation, surgery, and counseling	84
and treatment following transplantation;	85
(3) Refuse to refer an individual to a transplant center	86
or specialist;	87
(4) Refuse to place a qualified recipient on an organ or	88
<pre>tissue waiting list;</pre>	89
(5) Place a qualified recipient at a position on an organ	90
or tissue waiting list that is lower than the position at which	91
the recipient would have been placed if not for the recipient's	92

disability.	93
(C) (1) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, when	94
making treatment recommendations or decisions related to an	95
anatomical gift or transplantation, a covered entity may	96
consider an individual's disability, if the disability has been	97
determined by a physician, following an examination of the	98
individual, to be medically significant to the provision of an	99
anatomical gift or transplantation.	100
(2) A covered entity shall not consider the inability to	101
comply with medical requirements following transplantation to be	102
medically significant if a qualified recipient has individuals	103
or entities available to assist in complying with the	104
requirements.	105
(D) A covered entity shall make reasonable modifications	106
to its policies, practices, or procedures to allow individuals	107
with disabilities access to transplantation-related treatment	108
and services, except when the entity can demonstrate that the	109
modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the	110
treatment and services.	111
Sec. 2108.37. (A) Whenever it appears that a covered	112
entity has violated or is violating section 2108.36 of the	113
Revised Code, the affected individual may commence a civil	114
action for injunctive and other equitable relief against the	115
covered entity for purposes of enforcing compliance with that	116
section. The action shall be commenced in the court of common	117
pleas of the county in which the violation occurred or is	118
occurring.	119
(B) In an action commenced under this section, the court	120
shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable and shall apply	121

the same standards when rendering judgment as would be applied	122
in an action brought in federal court under the "Americans with	123
Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.	124
(C) This section does not create a right to compensatory	125
or punitive damages against a covered entity.	126
Sec. 2108.38. (A) As used in this section:	127
(1) "Covered person" means a policyholder, subscriber,	128
enrollee, member, or individual covered by a health benefit	129
plan.	130
(2) "Health benefit plan" means a policy, contract,	131
certificate, or agreement offered by a health plan issuer to	132
provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the	133
costs of health care services, including benefit plans marketed	134
in the individual or group market by all associations, whether	135
bona fide or not. "Health benefit plan" also means a limited	136
benefit plan, except as follows. "Health benefit plan" does not	137
mean any of the following types of coverage: a policy, contract,	138
certificate, or agreement that covers only a specified accident,	139
accident only, credit, dental, disability income, long-term	140
care, hospital indemnity, supplemental coverage, as described in	141
section 3923.37 of the Revised Code, specified disease, or	142
vision care; coverage issued as a supplement to liability	143
insurance; insurance arising out of workers' compensation or	144
similar law; automobile medical payment insurance; or insurance	145
under which benefits are payable with or without regard to fault	146
and which is statutorily required to be contained in any	147
liability insurance policy or equivalent self-insurance; a	148
medicare supplement policy of insurance, as defined by the	149
superintendent of insurance by rule, coverage under a plan	150
through medicare, medicaid, or the federal employees benefit	151

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program; any coverage issued under Chapter 55 of Title 10 of the	152
United States Code and any coverage issued as a supplement to	153
that coverage.	154
(3) "Health plan issuer" means an entity subject to the	155
insurance laws and rules of this state, or subject to the	156
jurisdiction of the superintendent of insurance, that contracts,	157
or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for,	158
or reimburse any of the costs of health care services under a	159
health benefit plan, including a sickness and accident insurance	160
company, a health insuring corporation, a fraternal benefit	161
society, a self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement, or	162
a nonfederal, government health plan. "Health plan issuer"	163
includes a third-party administrator licensed under Chapter	164
3959. of the Revised Code to the extent that the benefits that	165
such an entity is contracted to administer under a health	166
benefit plan are subject to the insurance laws and rules of this	167
state or subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent.	168
(B) A health plan issuer that provides coverage for	169
anatomical gifts, transplantation, or related treatment and	170
services shall not deny such coverage to a covered person solely	171
on the basis of the person's disability.	172
Section 2. All items in this section are hereby	173
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state	174
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all	175
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are	176
for fiscal year 2018 and those in the second column are for	177
fiscal year 2019. The appropriations made in this act are in	178
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2018-FY	179
2019 biennium.	180

MCD DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all

provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly

that are generally applicable to such appropriations.

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