



Michigan Association of **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**

Boards

SB 213 Telehealth Fix

- SB 213 fixes an unintended consequence of last year's SB 753, which prohibits prescribing controlled substances via telehealth services.
 - SB 753, if not amended will have a devastating impact on the public behavioral health system in Michigan.
- Michigan's 46 CMHs and their provider networks serve thousands of clients via telehealth services, in most rural areas, tele-psychiatry is almost exclusively used.

Difficulties related to SB 753 without fix:

- Significant psychiatric shortage in Michigan and nationwide
 - Many CMHs are not able to hire Psychiatrists, have job posting for a year or longer.
 - Child Psychiatry is a MAJOR concern, lack of professionals
- Without the ability to prescribe clients would be impacted in following ways:
 - Significantly longer wait for treatment
 - Forced to travel long distance to see providers
 - Certain treatments could be discontinued which would result in service disruptions.

Commonly treated via telehealth services:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- ADHD
- OCD
- Schizophrenia
- Bi-polar
- PTSD
- Medication assisted recovery
- Alcohol detoxification