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SYNOPSIS

Requires Mandated Health Benefits Advisory Commission to study financial impact of all enacted mandated health benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning mandated health benefits and supplementing
2 P.L.2003, c.193 (C.17B:27D-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Mandated Health Benefits Advisory Commission
8 established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.193 (C.17B:27D-1 et seq.) shall
9 periodically, on an ongoing basis, analyze and review the financial
10 impact of all mandated health benefits enacted by the Legislature.

11 The analysis and review of each mandated health benefit shall
12 include:

13 (1) the impact of the mandated health benefit on total costs to
14 purchasers and benefit costs;

15 (2) the extent to which the mandated health benefit has
16 increased the appropriate use of the treatment or service; and

17 (3) the extent to which the mandated health benefit resulted in
18 any savings to the health care system through increased access to
19 preventive care.

20 b. Two years after the effective date of this act and every three
21 years thereafter, the commission shall report to the Governor, and to
22 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
23 19.1), on its findings and make any recommendations it deems
24 appropriate, including whether any of the mandated health benefits
25 should be repealed and offered, instead, as a rider to health benefits
26 coverage; however, the commission may issue to the Governor and
27 Legislature such interim reports on specific mandated health
28 benefits as the commission deems appropriate.

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30 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day following
31 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill requires the Mandated Health Benefits Advisory
37 Commission, which was established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.193
38 (C.17B:27D-1 et seq.), to periodically, on an ongoing basis, analyze
39 and review the financial impact of all mandated health benefits
40 enacted by the Legislature.

41 The analysis and review of each mandated health benefit shall
42 include:

43 • the impact of the mandated health benefit on total costs to
44 purchasers and benefit costs;

45 • the extent to which the mandated health benefit has increased
46 the appropriate use of the treatment or service; and

- 1 • the extent to which the mandated health benefit resulted in any
- 2 savings to the health care system through increased access to
- 3 preventive care.
- 4 The bill further provides that:
- 5 • two years after the effective date of the bill and every three
- 6 years thereafter, the commission shall issue reports to the Governor
- 7 and the Legislature on its findings and make any recommendations
- 8 it deems appropriate, including whether any of the mandated health
- 9 benefits should be repealed and offered, instead, as a rider to health
- 10 benefits coverage; and
- 11 • the commission may issue such interim reports to the Governor
- 12 and Legislature on specific mandates, as it deems appropriate.