

CHAPTER 437

INSURANCE

HOUSE BILL 07-1101

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Butcher, Frangas, Gallegos, Green, Hodge, McGihon, Pommer, Romanoff, and Soper;
also SENATOR(S) Tapia, Boyd, and Windels.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A STUDY TO ANALYZE FACTORS THAT DRIVE THE COST OF HEALTH CARE WITHIN PUEBLO COUNTY, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 16 of title 10, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

10-16-132. Study of factors driving health care costs in Pueblo county - repeal. (1) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE STUDY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO GATHER AND ANALYZE DATA TO IDENTIFY:

(I) THE FACTORS THAT DRIVE HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN PUEBLO COUNTY;

(II) THE STATISTICAL INTERACTION, RELATIONSHIPS, AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE FACTORS;

(III) THE DEMOGRAPHIC, HEALTH SERVICES, AND OTHER COST COMPONENTS OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN PUEBLO COUNTY;

(IV) THE ROLE OF MODIFIED COMMUNITY RATING FOR PUEBLO COUNTY; AND

(V) WHETHER HEALTH COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN PUEBLO COUNTY IS REASONABLY AVAILABLE.

(b) THE DIVISION MAY CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY TO ANALYZE DATA COLLECTED BY THE DIVISION AND PREPARE A REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS OF SUCH

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DATA.

(2) (a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ASSURE THAT THE STUDY PARAMETERS INCLUDE THE DATA TO BE GATHERED, THE METHOD AND TIME FRAMES FOR COLLECTION OF THE DATA, AND THE OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS FOR THE ANALYSIS THEREOF.

(b) UPON COMPLETION OF THE ANALYSIS, THE DIVISION SHALL PRESENT A DRAFT OF THE REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR REVIEW AND TRANSMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).

(c) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2009, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT CONTAINING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE FACTORS THAT DRIVE THE COST OF HEALTH CARE, THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND A GROUP BASIS, AND THE IMPACT OF MODIFIED COMMUNITY RATING ON PUEBLO COUNTY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE CHAIRS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

(d) IF THE COMMISSIONER CONTRACTS WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY TO ANALYZE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, SUCH AGGREGATED DATA MAY BE TRANSMITTED TO SUCH NONPROFIT ENTITY FOR ANALYSIS.

(e) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL WAIVE ANY CLAIM TO PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW.

(3) THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006, SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(a) THE AMOUNT OF CLAIMS PAID BY HEALTH INSURERS IN PUEBLO COUNTY;

(b) THE RATES CHARGED FOR HEALTH INSURANCE;

(c) THE CHARGES BILLED BY LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR REGISTERED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;

(d) THE CHARGES BILLED BY ALL LICENSED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES;

(e) THE NUMBER OF LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR REGISTERED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN PUEBLO COUNTY;

(f) THE NUMBER OF HEALTH INSURERS CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN PUEBLO COUNTY;

(g) WHETHER THE PRACTICE PATTERNS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY DIFFER FROM ACCEPTED STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES;

(h) WHETHER THE HEALTH STATUS OF THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY DRIVES HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS; AND

(i) ANY OTHER INFORMATION DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2009.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the division of insurance cash fund created in section 10-1-103 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory agencies, for allocation to the division of insurance, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of twenty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$29,569), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 4, 2007