

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a cost-benefit analysis of mandated health insurance coverage
2 of services; and to provide for a legislative council study.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Health insurance mandated coverage of services - Cost-benefit**
5 **analysis requirement.**

6 1. A legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment
7 for specified providers of services may not be acted on by any committee of the
8 legislative assembly unless the measure is accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis
9 prepared by the insurance commissioner. Factors to consider in this analysis
10 include:

11 a. The extent to which the service provided by the proposed mandate is used by
12 a significant proportion of the population.

13 b. The extent to which the service provided under the proposed mandate is
14 generally available to consumers.

15 c. If the service provided by the proposed mandate is generally available, the
16 extent to which the lack of the service results in individuals not receiving
17 necessary health care treatment.

18 d. The level of public demand for the proposed service.

19 e. The level of public demand for insurance coverage of the proposed service.

20 f. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the
21 cost of the service.

22 g. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase the appropriate
23 use of the service.

- 1 h. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the
2 administrative expenses of insurers and the premium and administrative
3 expenses of insureds.
- 4 i. The impact of the proposed mandate on the total cost of health care.
- 5 2. A majority of the members of the committee, acting through the chairman, has sole
6 authority to determine whether a legislative measure mandates coverage of
7 services under this section.
- 8 3. Any amendment made during a legislative session to a measure which mandates
9 health insurance coverage of services may not be acted on by a committee of the
10 legislative assembly unless the amendment is accompanied by a cost-benefit
11 analysis prepared by the insurance commissioner.

12 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATED**

13 **COVERAGE OF SERVICES.** The legislative council shall study during the 2001-02 interim
14 existing mandated health insurance coverage of services and the feasibility and desirability of
15 repealing state laws mandating health insurance coverage of services. During the 2001-02
16 interim, the insurance commissioner shall evaluate each existing health insurance coverage
17 mandate on the basis of cost or effect on insurance premiums as these relate to the benefits
18 and evaluate the benefits of reducing the need for future health care services due to early
19 identification and treatment. The insurance commissioner may contract with a third party to
20 perform the evaluations. The insurance commissioner shall present the report to the legislative
21 council interim committee conducting the study required by this section during the course of the
22 study. The legislative council shall report its findings regarding the cost-benefit analysis of each
23 mandate and its recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement
24 recommendations regarding state laws mandating health insurance coverage of services, to the
25 fifty-eighth legislative assembly.