

8. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICE IS COVERED BY SELF-FUNDED EMPLOYER GROUPS OF EMPLOYERS IN THE STATE WHO EMPLOY AT LEAST 500 EMPLOYEES;

(II) MEDICAL IMPACTS, INCLUDING:

1. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AS BEING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICACIOUS IN THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS;

2. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AS DEMONSTRATED BY A REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC AND PEER REVIEW LITERATURE; AND

3. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS GENERALLY AVAILABLE AND UTILIZED BY TREATING PHYSICIANS; AND

(III) FINANCIAL IMPACTS, INCLUDING:

1. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COVERAGE WILL INCREASE OR DECREASE THE COST OF THE SERVICE;

2. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COVERAGE WILL INCREASE THE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE SERVICE;

3. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE MANDATED SERVICE WILL BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR A MORE EXPENSIVE SERVICE;

4. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COVERAGE WILL INCREASE OR DECREASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF INSURERS AND THE PREMIUM AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF POLICY HOLDERS;

5. THE IMPACT OF THIS COVERAGE ON THE TOTAL COST OF HEALTH CARE; AND

6. THE IMPACT OF ALL MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES ON EMPLOYERS' ABILITY TO PURCHASE HEALTH BENEFITS POLICIES MEETING THEIR EMPLOYEES' NEEDS.

~~(B)~~ ~~(E)~~ (D) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, THE ~~ADVISORY PANEL~~ COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

~~(H)~~ ~~(F)~~ (E) ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 1999~~ DECEMBER 31, 1998, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, ~~SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE ADVISORY PANEL~~ COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS, INCLUDING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE ~~PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, THE SPEAKER OF THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AND THE RESPECTIVE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE~~ GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.