

~~2. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SERVICE IS GENERALLY AVAILABLE AND UTILIZED BY TREATING PHYSICIANS, AND~~

~~(H) (HI) 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 POLICYHOLDERS;~~
- ~~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.~~

~~(E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS ASSESSMENT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff support to the Joint Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Services and may contract for actuarial services and other professional services to carry out the provisions of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Joint Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Services may make reasonable requests upon carriers to submit data on the cost of a mandated service, utilization of a mandated service, or other information as determined appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if a member of the General Assembly submits a proposal for a mandated health insurance service on or before July 1 of any year, the Joint Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Services shall review and evaluate the proposal in accordance with § 15-1501(d) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by this Act, and submit its report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1 of the same year.~~

~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~