

7. THE LEVEL OF INTEREST OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENTS IN NEGOTIATING PRIVATELY FOR INCLUSION OF THIS COVERAGE IN GROUP CONTRACTS; AND

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 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.

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

(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1998, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS, INCLUDING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.