

NOTE: The governor signed this measure on 5/17/2016.

An Act

HOUSE BILL 16-1336

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CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SINGLE GEOGRAPHIC RATING AREA FOR HEALTH INSURERS TO USE WHEN ESTABLISHING RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-143 as follows:

10-16-143. Single geographic rating area - individual plans - study - report - repeal. (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE IMPACTS AND VIABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SINGLE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, CONSISTING OF THE ENTIRE STATE, FOR USE IN DETERMINING PREMIUM RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED IN THE STATE. IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER FACTORS THAT AFFECT DIFFERENTIATIONS IN PREMIUM RATES THROUGHOUT DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE,

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

INCLUDING THE DIFFERENTIATION IN HEALTH CARE COSTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, PROVIDER RATES, DIAGNOSTICS TESTS, SURGICAL PROCEDURES, AND OTHER HOSPITAL PROCEDURES AND SERVICES.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF THE STUDY, BUT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2016, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT AND PRESENT THE COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO SEND THE REPORT TO THE HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES AND TO THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE CREATED IN PART 46 OF TITLE 25, C.R.S., AND SHALL PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES DURING THE COMMITTEES' HEARINGS HELD PRIOR TO THE 2017 REGULAR SESSION UNDER THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2, C.R.S.

(3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2016.

SECTION 2. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state money is necessary to carry out the purposes 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.

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