

April 21, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1513 and 1514 of the House Journal and pages 1256 and 1257 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1465 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of health insurance networks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORKS.

1. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying health insurance networks, including narrow networks. The study must include:
 - a. Consideration of the use and regulation of broad and narrow networks in the state by individuals and employers, the sales and marketing of broad and narrow networks, opportunities for consumer choice-of-provider, and premium differentials among states with choice-of-provider laws;
 - b. A review of legislative and court history regarding the impact of choice-of-provider laws on exclusive provider organizations and preferred provider organizations and how choice-of-provider laws apply to risk-pooled health plans regulated by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;
 - c. The impact of the consolidation of the health care market on consumer cash prices, insurance plan deductibles and premiums prices, and consumer options;
 - d. A comparison of health maintenance organizations provider network designs and other health insurer provider network designs;
 - e. A review of how vertical integrated networks utilize HMO plans; and
 - f. A comparison of premiums of health benefit plans offered in the individual and small group markets in relation to the provider network design associated with those plans along with the growth of value-based purchasing.
2. The legislative management shall report its finding and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly