

OBESITY REPORT

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act to address obesity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the Public Employees Health Plan to report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding obesity;
- outlines the requirements of the report; and
- permits others to work with the Public Employees Health Plan on the report.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

49-20-106, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **49-20-106** is enacted to read:

49-20-106. Obesity report.



28 (1) The Public Employees Health Plan shall report to the Health and Human Services
29 Interim Committee by no later than the Health and Human Services Interim Committee's
30 November 2016 interim meeting regarding the analysis required by Subsection (2).

31 (2) For purposes of the report required by Subsection (1), the Public Employees Health
32 Plan shall:

33 (a) estimate the costs and benefits to the Public Employees Health Plan associated with
34 providing insurance coverage for anti-obesity treatment, including:

35 (i) counseling;

36 (ii) medication; and

37 (iii) surgery;

38 (b) compare the costs and benefits estimated under Subsection (2)(a) with the costs and
39 benefits to the Public Employees Health Plan associated with treating diseases caused by or
40 linked to obesity, including:

41 (i) diabetes;

42 (ii) hypertension;

43 (iii) heart disease; and

44 (iv) other diseases; and

45 (c) analyze whether there would be cost savings by providing the insurance coverage
46 described in Subsection (2)(a).

47 (3) The Public Employees Health Plan may work with other insurers or other interested
48 persons in developing the report required by this section.

Legislative Review Note
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