

**OBESITY REPORT**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

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**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

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*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.**

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

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

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

36           (i) counseling;

37           (ii) medication; and

38           (iii) surgery;

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

42           (i) diabetes;

43           (ii) hypertension;

44           (iii) heart disease; and

45           (iv) other diseases; and

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

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