

59 (i) stimulating competition for the benefit of covered individuals;  
 60 (ii) establishing better geographical coverage of medical care services; and  
 61 (iii) providing coverage for both active and retired covered individuals;  
 62 ~~[(o) offer proposals which meet the criteria specified in a request for proposals and~~  
 63 ~~accepted by the program to active and retired state covered individuals and which may be~~  
 64 ~~offered to active and retired covered individuals of other covered employers at the option of the~~  
 65 ~~covered employer;]~~

66 (o) for a proposal that meets the criteria specified in a request for proposals and is  
 67 accepted by the program:

68 (i) offer the proposal to active and retired state-covered individuals; and

69 (ii) at the option of the covered employer, offer the proposal to active and retired  
 70 covered individuals of other covered employers;

71 (p) perform the same functions established in Subsections (1)(a), (b), (e), and (h) for  
 72 the Department of Health if the program provides program benefits to children enrolled in the  
 73 Utah Children's Health Insurance Program created in Title 26, Chapter 40, Utah Children's  
 74 Health Insurance Act;

75 (q) establish rules and procedures governing the admission of political subdivisions or  
 76 educational institutions and their employees to the program;

77 (r) (i) contract directly with medical providers to provide services for covered  
 78 individuals at commercially competitive rates; and

79 (ii) (A) discontinue the preferred network, which offers in-network access to all  
 80 in-state hospitals, for the state risk pool created in Subsection 49-20-202(1)(a) for plan years  
 81 starting on or after July 1, ~~H~~→ [2023] 2022 ←~~H~~ ; and

82 (B) for an employee in the state risk pool who fails to elect one of the remaining  
 83 networks before July 1, ~~H~~→ [2023] 2022 ←~~H~~ , enroll the employee and the employee's dependents  
 83a into the  
 84 network that best reflects the utilization pattern of that employee and the employee's  
 85 dependents;

86 ~~[(s) take additional actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this~~  
 87 ~~chapter;]~~

88 ~~[(t)]~~ (s) (i) require state employees and [their] the state employees' dependents to  
 89 participate in the electronic exchange of clinical health records in accordance with Section