

SSB 5581 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the insurance
4 commissioner, in consultation with health carriers, health care
5 providers, and consumers in this state, shall conduct an analysis of
6 how health plans define, cover, and reimburse for maternity care
7 services, including prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care, and make
8 recommendations regarding methods to reduce or eliminate deductibles
9 and other forms of cost sharing for maternity care services.

10 (2) In conducting the analysis, the office of the insurance
11 commissioner shall:

12 (a) Obtain necessary information regarding health plans offered
13 by carriers with more than one percent accident and health market
14 share based upon the insurance commissioner's most recent annual
15 market information report and health plans offered to public
16 employees under chapter 41.05 RCW to evaluate:

17 (i) How health plan benefit designs define maternity care
18 services;

19 (ii) Whether and to what extent maternity care services are
20 subject to deductibles and other cost-sharing requirements;

21 (iii) Which maternity care services are considered preventive
22 services under section 2713 of the federal public health service act
23 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 300gg et seq.) and implementing federal regulations
24 in effect on the effective date of this section and are therefore
25 exempt from cost sharing;

26 (iv) The five most used maternity care reimbursement
27 methodologies used by each carrier; and

28 (v) With respect to reimbursement methodologies that bundle
29 payment for maternity care services, which specific services are
30 included in the bundled payment;

1 (b) Estimate the total and per member per month impact on health
2 plan rates of eliminating cost sharing for maternity care services in
3 full, or for prenatal care only, for the following markets:

- 4 (i) Individual health plans other than cascade select plans;
- 5 (ii) Cascade select health plans;
- 6 (iii) Small group health plans;
- 7 (iv) Large group health plans;
- 8 (v) Health plans offered to public employees under chapter 41.05
9 RCW; and
- 10 (vi) All health plans in the aggregate.

11 (3) The office of the insurance commissioner shall submit a
12 report on the findings and cost estimate to the appropriate
13 committees of the legislature by July 1, 2024. The report must also
14 include recommendations for methods to reduce or eliminate
15 deductibles and other forms of cost sharing for maternity care
16 services.

17 (4) The office of the insurance commissioner may contract for all
18 or a portion of the analysis required in this section."

19 Correct the title.

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