

2 SHB 2607 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature questions whether managed
8 care is the best medical financing system to reduce health care costs
9 and retain quality. Health care savings accounts may be an effective
10 method to reduce health care costs, maintain quality, and enable
11 patients to make choices within a fee-for-service health delivery
12 mechanism. The legislature would like to consider the cost, merit,
13 utility, and effectiveness of health care savings accounts as an option
14 in the basic health plan.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By December 1, 1996, the administrator
16 of the health care authority, in consultation with interested persons,
17 shall submit to the house of representatives health care committee and
18 the senate health and long-term care committee, a comprehensive plan,
19 including projected costs, for the analysis, design, implementation,
20 and evaluation of a health care savings account program as a benefit
21 option for enrollees in the basic health plan. The health care savings
22 account program option must use a voucher system to purchase health
23 care services on a fee-for-service basis.

24 (2) The comprehensive plan must include:

25 (a) An analysis of the cost, merit, and utility of a health care
26 savings account program option within the basic health plan;

27 (b) A detailed design of the proposed health care savings account
28 program option;

29 (c) A detailed plan and budget for implementing the health care
30 savings account program option; and

31 (d) A plan and budget to evaluate the effectiveness and acceptance
32 of the health care savings account program option, including a
33 comparison of the costs to both the state and enrollees of health care
34 savings accounts and managed care plan options offered in the basic
35 health plan. The evaluation plan also must include, but not be limited

1 to, an assessment of (i) the health status and satisfaction of
2 enrollees; (ii) the use of preventive health services; and (iii) the
3 extent of adverse selection and market segmentation.

4 (3) If the program is approved and funded by the legislature, the
5 administrator of the health care authority shall report annually to the
6 appropriate committees of the legislature for the duration of the
7 health care savings account program and shall submit a final report,
8 including the program evaluation, within the time frame specified in
9 the evaluation plan and approved by the legislature."

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13 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "enrollees;" strike the
14 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

15 EFFECT: Inserts cost considerations as an explicit element for
16 planning and consideration of the program. Deletes the requirement
17 that the program be implemented, subject to legislative approval and
18 funding.

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