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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a moratorium on new mandated health or medical
2 expense insurance benefits, and requiring a study of such
3 benefits and related costs by the insurance division.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.21 MORATORIUM ON MANDATED
2 HEALTH OR MEDICAL EXPENSE COVERAGES.

3 A policy or contract providing for third-party payment or
4 prepayment of health or medical expenses shall not be required
5 to include coverage for specific health or medical expense
6 benefits other than those required under the Code of Iowa 2001
7 or Code Supplement 2001, or pursuant to other provision of law
8 in effect on June 30, 2002.

9 Sec. 2. INSURANCE DIVISION STUDY ON MANDATED COVERAGES.

10 1. The insurance division of the department of commerce
11 shall conduct a study to determine the impact of the
12 following:

- 13 a. Mandating coverage for specific benefits.
- 14 b. Imposition of a moratorium on new mandated coverages.

15 2. The division shall include in the study all of the
16 following:

- 17 a. An estimate of the impact of all current mandated
18 coverage requirements on insurance costs.
- 19 b. An estimate of the impact of imposing a moratorium on
20 new mandated coverages on insurance costs.
- 21 c. Actions taken by the division to ensure that third-
22 party payors are in compliance with mandated benefit
23 requirements.
- 24 d. The extent to which, if any, mandating coverage
25 requirements results in any person not being covered by
26 insurance who otherwise would have been covered.
- 27 e. An analysis and comparison of the choices for treatment
28 with regard to mandated benefit coverages and the level of
29 access, choice, and financial burden on the individual.
- 30 f. Identification of any segments of the population of
31 this state that may be excluded from, or have limited access
32 to treatment that is subject to mandated coverage
33 requirements, including the number of citizens that may be
34 excluded from, or have limited access to treatment under
35 third-party payor policies or contracts provided by employers

1 that receive substantial revenue from public sources.

2 3. The insurance division shall submit a written report to
3 the general assembly on or before January 15, 2003.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill creates new Code section 514C.21, which imposes a
6 moratorium on new mandated health or medical expenses
7 coverages.

8 The bill also requires the insurance division to perform a
9 study on both current mandates and the moratorium, and their
10 effect on insurance costs and treatment availability. The
11 report is due to the general assembly on or before January 15,
12 2003.

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