

IDENTIFYING WASTEFUL HEALTH CARE SPENDING

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health to identify potential overuse of non-evidence-based health care.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Department of Health to contract with an organization for an analysis to identify potential overuse of non-evidence-based health care;
- ▶ requires the Health Data Committee to:
 - review the results from the analysis;
 - review scientific literature and solicit input on duplication in health care; and
 - solicit input on instances of non-alignment in health care metrics; and
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to annually report on the findings of the Health Data Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

27 None

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63I-1-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 67, 136, 246, 289, 455 and
31 last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

32 ENACTS:

33 **26-33a-117**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



35 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

36 Section 1. Section **26-33a-117** is enacted to read:

37 **26-33a-117. Identifying potential overuse of non-evidence-based health care.**

38 (1) The department shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement
39 Code, contract with an entity to provide a nationally-recognized health waste calculator that:

40 (a) uses principles such as the principles of the Choosing Wisely initiative of the
41 American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation; and

42 (b) is approved by the committee.

43 (2) The department shall use the calculator described in Subsection (1) to:

44 (a) analyze the data in the state's All Payer Claims Database; and

45 (b) flag data entries that the calculator identifies as potential overuse of non-
46 evidence-based health care.

47 (3) The department, or a third party organization that the department contracts with in
48 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, shall:

49 (a) analyze the data described in Subsection (2)(b);

50 (b) review current scientific literature about medical services that are best practice;

51 (c) review current scientific literature about eliminating duplication in health care;

52 (d) solicit input from Utah health care providers, health systems, insurers, and other
53 stakeholders regarding duplicative health care quality initiatives and instances of

54 non-alignment in metrics used to measure health care quality that are required by different
55 health systems;

56 (e) solicit input from Utah health care providers, health systems, insurers, and other
57 stakeholders on methods to avoid overuse of non-evidence-based health care; and

58 (f) present the results of the analysis, research, and input described in Subsections
59 (3)(a) through (e) to the committee.

60 (4) The committee shall:

61 (a) make recommendations for action and opportunities for improvement based on the
62 results described in Subsection (3)(f);

63 (b) make recommendations on methods to bring into alignment the various health care
64 quality metrics different entities in the state use; and

65 (c) identify priority issues and recommendations to include in an annual report.

66 (5) The department, or the third party organization described in Subsection (3) shall:

67 (a) compile the report described in Subsection (4)(c); and

68 (b) submit the report to the committee for approval.

69 (6) Beginning in 2021, on or before November 1 each year, the department shall
70 submit the report approved in Subsection (5)(b) to the Health and Human Services Interim
71 Committee.

72 Section 2. Section **63I-1-226** is amended to read:

73 **63I-1-226. Repeal dates, Title 26.**

74 (1) Section **26-1-40** is repealed July 1, 2022.

75 (2) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed July
76 1, 2025.

77 (3) Section **26-10-11** is repealed July 1, 2020.

78 (4) Subsection **26-18-417(3)** is repealed July 1, 2020.

79 (5) Subsection **26-18-418(2)**, the language that states "and the Mental Health Crisis
80 Line Commission created in Section **63C-18-202**" is repealed July 1, 2023.

- 81 [~~(6)~~ Section ~~26-18-419.1~~ is repealed December 31, 2019.]
- 82 [~~(7)~~ (6) Title 26, Chapter 33a, Utah Health Data Authority Act, is repealed July 1,
- 83 2024.
- 84 (7) Section 26-33a-117 is repealed on December 31, 2023.
- 85 (8) Title 26, Chapter 36b, Inpatient Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 86 (9) Title 26, Chapter 36c, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed
- 87 July 1, 2024.
- 88 (10) Title 26, Chapter 36d, Hospital Provider Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 89 (11) Title 26, Chapter 54, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund and
- 90 Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund, is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 91 (12) Subsection 26-61a-108(2)(e)(i), related to the Native American Legislative
- 92 Liaison Committee, is repealed July 1, 2022.
- 93 (13) Title 26, Chapter 63, Nurse Home Visiting Pay-for-Success Program, is repealed
- 94 July 1, 2026.