# Bill as Introduced

# HB 1281 – AS INTRODUCED

2012 SESSION

12-2397
01/03

HOUSE BILL *1281*

AN ACT establishing a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.

SPONSORS: Rep. Flanagan, Hills 5

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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## ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

AN ACT establishing a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials. Specifically, the committee shall study ways to provide alternative medical insurance coverage to reduce premium costs for elected state officials who are not covered by an existing health insurance plan.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2012.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

# Speakers

# SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 1281 Date 2/7/12

Committee Exec. Dept. & Admin.

** Please Print All Information **

| Name | Address | Phone | Representing | (check one) Pro | Con |
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| William O'Brien | | | Speaker of the House | ✓ | |
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# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1281

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.

**DATE:** 2/7/2012

**LOB ROOM:** 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 am

**Time Adjourned:** 10:15 am

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. McGuire, Hawkins, P. Brown, Sytek, Day, Pratt, Vita, Perkins, Winter, Bowers, Hansen, Proulx, Whitehead, P. Schmidt, Pilotte, Jeudy and Sullivan.

**Bill Sponsors:** Rep. Flanagan, Hills 5

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Rep. Flanagan** – Introduction – HMO Blue, no charge.

**Rep. Steve Winter** – Try to get something for less thru state.

**Rep. Flanagan** – Yes

**Rep. Calvin Pratt** – How does this work?

**Rep. Flanagan** – thinks it is a hybrid.

**Rep. Maurice Pilotte** – Limiting to elected officials

**Rep. Flanagan** – Establish study committee – his intent

**Rep. Maurice Pilotte** – Point of service, hybrid.

**Rep. Flanagan** – Beneficial

**Rep. Peter Schmidt** – Committee to study options?

**Rep. Flanagan** – Absolutely

**Rep. Spec Bowers** – Benefit for retirees of office

**Rep. Flanagan** – Can be positive

**Rep. Steve Winters** – Would you extend to have retired state employee to be involved.

**Rep. Flanagan** – Might work, Bill 1 year ago in Senate that was similar.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Carol Vita

Rep. Carol Vita, Clerk

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REP WINTER - TRY TO GET SOMETHING FOR LESS THRU STATE

REP FLANAGAN - YES

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REP PILOTTE - LIMITING TO ELECTED OFFICIALS -

REP FLANAGAN - ESTABLISH STUDY COMMITTEE - HIS INTENT

" PILOTTE - POINT OF SERVICE HYBRID.

FLANAGAN - BENEFICIAL -

SCHMIDT - COMMITTEE TO STUDY OPTIONS?

FLANAGAN - ABSOLUTELY

BOWERS - BENEFIT FOR RETIREES OF OFFICE

FLANAGAN - ~~POSITIVE~~ CAN BE POSITIVE

WINTERS - WOULD YOU EXTEND TO HAVE RET. STATE EMP. TO BE INVOLVED

REP FLANAGAN – MIGHT WORK
BILL 1 YR AGO SENATE – THAT WAS SIMILAR

# Testimony

# HMO Blue® New England†
# Network Blue℠ New England†

Anthem.

Rep Flanagan

## State of NH Summary of Benefits
### Active Employees HMO

*This is only a brief summary of your coverage. Benefits apply when care is medically necessary. Services are covered up to the Maximum Allowable Benefit (MAB). Network providers agree to accept the MAB as payment in full. Services must be provided by a network provider.*

| Service Received | Your Share of the Cost |
|---|---|
| **These services MUST be provided by or referred by your Primary Care Provider (PCP).** | |
| **Preventive Care**<br>• Immunization (including travel), lead screening, PSA (prostate screening)<br>• Routine physical exam and well baby care<br>• Routine hearing screening<br>*See "Other Services" for additional Preventive Care information* | No charge |
| **Office Visit**<br>• Medical Exam, family planning, office surgery | $15 PCP /$30 Specialist Copay |
| **Other Outpatient Care**<br>• Short term rehabilitative therapy- physical, occupational, cardiac or speech *(unlimited)*<br>• Allergy treatment and injections | $15 Copay |
| • Surgery in hospital outpatient department or ambulatory surgery center<br>• Lab, X-ray and ultrasound<br>• CT scan and MRI, outpatient facility fees | No Charge |
| **Inpatient Care** (as a bed patient in an acute care hospital)<br>• Semi-private room and board<br>• Physician in-hospital care, surgery, anesthesia, lab, X-ray, CT scan, MRI, medical supplies, medication and physical, occupational and speech therapy | No Charge |
| **Skilled Nursing Facility and Rehabilitation Facility Care**<br>*(limited to 100 days combined per member, per calendar year)* | No Charge |
| **Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and External Prosthetic Devices**<br>*(unlimited)* | No Charge |
| **These services DO NOT require a PCP referral as long as you use designated network providers.** | |
| **Other Services**<br>• Routine vision exam – birth through age 18 *(one exam every year)*<br>• Routine vision exam – age 19 and over *(one exam every two years)* | No Charge |
| • Chiropractic visit *(limited to 20 visits per member per calendar year)* | $15 Copay |
| • Infertility office visits ( Tests, Counseling)<br>• Treatment for surgical and non-surgical TMJ *(excluding appliances and orthodontic treatment)* | $30 Copay |
| • OB/GYN care (performed by an OB/GYN provider)<br>- Well Women exam (1 per year)<br>- Maternity care (routine prenatal, delivery and postpartum) | No Charge |
| • Mammogram and Pap smear | |
| • Hearing aids – birth to age 18<br>• Nutritional Counseling –( *if billed as an office visit, service will be subject to an office visit co-pay, 3 visits per member per calendar year, unlimited for diabetes or organic disease)* | |
| **These services DO NOT require a PCP referral for medical emergencies as defined by your Benefit Booklet.** | |
| **Hospital Emergency Room (ER)/ Urgent Care Facility**<br>• ER charge *(copayment waived if admitted)*. . . . . .<br>• Urgent Care Co-pay. . . . . .<br>• ER physician fee, CT scan, MRI, medical supplies, etc. | $100 copay<br>$50 copay<br>No Charge |
| **Ambulance** (medically necessary emergency transport only) | No Charge |



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**For these services no PCP referral is required, but ALL care must be authorized in advance by Anthem Behavioral Health (ABH) at 1-800-228-5975.**

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| **Mental Health (MH)**<br>• Outpatient services<br>- Individual Therapy<br>- Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program (IOP) | $15 copay |
| - Group Therapy | No Charge |
| • Inpatient services<br>- Inpatient<br>- Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) | No Charge |
| **Substance Abuse (SA)**<br>• Outpatient services<br>- Individual Therapy<br>- Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program (IOP) | $15 copay |
| - Group Therapy | No Charge |
| • Inpatient services<br>- Inpatient (*Including medical detoxification & SA rehabilitation)*<br>- Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) | No Charge |

**Prescription Drugs**

Prescription drug benefits are administered by Caremark. For assistance with prescription drug benefit inquiries, call:
- Local Government Center: 1-800-527-5001 or Caremark: 1-888-726-1630

**Maximums (For covered medical costs)**

- Individual Out-Of Pocket Maximum $500
- Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum $1000
- Life Time Benefit Maximum Unlimited

**Other**

- Health Education Reimbursement : $150 per family per calendar year*
- Fitness Equipment Reimbursement: $200 per employee per calendar year OR Health Club Benefit: $450 per employee per calendar year*
- Eyewear benefits: $100 every two years per family member (Includes eyeglasses (frames and lenses) and contact lenses).

**Exclusions and Limitations**

The services listed below are not covered by this plan. Please review your Benefit Booklet for complete details on exclusions and limitations.

**Services Not Covered**

•Any service that is not medically necessary • Any service required by a third party (court ordered services are covered if all of the other terms of the plan are met) • Claims for services received more than 12 months ago • Complementary and Alternative Therapies/Medicine • Cosmetic surgery • Custodial or convalescent care • Educational testing and therapy • Experimental and/or investigational services • Hospitalization for conditions that are not covered • Human organ transplants other than those listed in the Benefit Booklet as covered benefits • Mental health services which do not usually result in favorable modification through short-term therapy • Miscellaneous devices, materials, and supplies, including, but not limited to, breast pump, dentures and support devices for the feet and corrective shoes • Permanent dental restoration, orthognathic and most oral surgery • Personal comfort items • Radial keratotomy or other surgery to correct vision • Routine podiatry • Services covered by government programs to the extent permitted by law • Services for work-related illness or injury • Sex changes

**Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has the right to recover its costs for care of:**

• Injuries which are the responsibility of other parties • Services for which another insurance carrier or Medicare is primary • Services related to illegal conduct

**This is only a brief summary of your coverage.**
This summary of benefits is not a contract. It is a general description of the benefits and exclusions of this plan. Complete information about all benefits, limitations and exclusions is in the Benefit Booklet, which is available upon request. If you need further information, call Customer Service at 1-800-933-8415.
† HMO Blue New England and Network Blue New England are administered by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
* This is a taxable benefit.

# Voting Sheets

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1281**

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**DATE:** 2/7/2012

**LOB ROOM:** 306

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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**Motions:** OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Whitehead

Seconded by Rep. Winters

Vote: 10-3 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**Motions:** OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:** NO

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Carol Vita, Clerk

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**Motions:** (OTP), OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. WHITEHEAD

Seconded by Rep. WINTERS

Vote: 10-3 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2012 SESSION

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Bill #: HB 1281 Title: ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

PH Date: 2/7/12 Exec Session Date: 2/7/12

Motion: OTP Amendment #:

| MEMBER | YEAS | NAYS |
|---|---|---|
| McGuire, Carol M, Chairman | | X |
| Hawkins, Kenneth, V Chairman | X | |
| Sytek, John | | X |
| Day, Russell C | X | |
| Pratt, Calvin D | X | |
| Vita, Carol M, Clerk | X | |
| Perkins, Lawrence B | | |
| Winter, Steven J | X | |
| Bowers, Spec | X | |
| Brown, Paul E | | |
| Hansen, Peter T | X | |
| Proulx, Mark L | X | |
| Whitehead, Randall A | X | |
| Schmidt, Peter B | X | |
| Pilotte, Maurice L | | X |
| Jeudy, Jean L | | |
| Sullivan, Daniel J | | |

EXEC
WHITEHEAD
WINTER

TOTAL VOTE: 10 5

Printed: 12/21/2011

# Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 8, 2012

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION to which was referred HB1281,

AN ACT establishing a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Randall A Whitehead

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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|---|---|
| Committee: | **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION** |
| Bill Number: | **HB1281** |
| Title: | **establishing a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials.** |
| Date: | **February 7, 2012** |
| Consent Calendar: | **NO** |
| Recommendation: | **OUGHT TO PASS** |

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill establishes a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials, with the intent to offer a less expensive and more beneficial health care option for active and former elected officials

Vote 10-3.

Rep. Randall A Whitehead
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

**HB1281,** establishing a committee to study alternative medical insurance coverage for elected state officials. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

# BLURB

HB 1281 ESTABLISHES A COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS, WITH THE INTENT TO OFFER A LESS-EXPENSIVE AND MORE BENEFICIAL HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR ACTIVE AND FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS. ~~AS WELL AS OTHER STATE EMPLOYEES.~~

REP. R. WHITEHEAD