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Floor Amendment to HB 1696-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT: requesting a modification of the New Hampshire health protection program and establishing an advisory commission relative to the use of health savings accounts for a certain population.

Amend the section heading and the amending language of section 12 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

12 New Sections; Commission to Evaluate the Effectiveness and Future of the Premium Assistance Program; Health and Human Services Health Savings Account Advisory Commission. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 126-A:5-d the following new sections:

Amend section 12 of the bill by inserting after RSA 126-A:5-e the following new section:

126-A:5-f Health and Human Services Health Savings Account Advisory Commission.

I. There is established the health and human services health savings account advisory commission to advise the commissioner of the department of health and human services and the general court on the potential for use of health savings accounts for use by the population above 100 percent of the federal poverty level. The members of the commission 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.

(c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

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

(e) One public member, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(f) One public member, appointed by the governor.

(g) A representative of a critical access hospital, nominated by the New Hampshire Hospital Association and appointed by governor and council.

(h) A representative of a non-critical hospital that is not a member of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, nominated by joint agreement of the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and appointed by governor and council.

(i) One member who is an executive director of a community mental health center, nominated by the New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association and appointed by governor and council.

(j) A representative of the community health centers, nominated by the Bi-State Primary Care Association and appointed by the governor and council.

(k) One member who is an executive director of an area agency, appointed by the governor and council.

II.(a) The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the commissioner, or designee, and shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The commission shall:

(a) Study the potential for use of health savings accounts by the population above 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

(b) Study the potential for use of catastrophic health coverage in combination with health savings accounts including options for federal funding or solely state funding.

(c) Study other existing state plans utilizing health savings accounts such as the Healthy Indiana Plan, including the costs of the Healthy Indiana Plan and the estimated costs if a similar plan were implemented in New Hampshire, the number of people covered by the Healthy Indiana Plan compared to the number covered by Medicaid expansion, and how to modify the waiver received by Indiana so that a similar program could be implemented in New Hampshire.

(d) Study options for expansion of medical services cost transparency.

(e) Serve as a forum for a formal hearing and public comment.

(f) Receive input from experts in health care with knowledge and/or experience in the implementation of health savings accounts and input from interested stakeholders.

(g) Create any subcommittees it deems necessary, which may include members of the public appointed by the chairperson, to assist with the research, analysis, or other work necessary to support its recommendations.

IV. The department of health and human services shall provide administrative support to the commission and provide such information, data, testimony, and the assistance as requested by the commission.

V. On or before October 1, 2016, the commission shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the commissioner of the department of health and human services, and the state library.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 15 with the following:

16 Repeal. RSA 126-A:5-f, relative to the health and human services health savings account advisory commission, is repealed.

17 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

II. Section 15 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2017.

III. Section 16 of this act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

IV. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to submit waivers or state plan amendments to modify the New Hampshire health protection program. The bill includes funding for such program by using moneys from the insurance premium tax, federal funds, and other non-general fund revenues. This bill also establishes an advisory commission to advise the commissioner of the department of health and human services and the general court on the potential use of health savings accounts for the population above 100 percent of the federal poverty level.