



**AN ACT TO STUDY STANDARDS FOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN
HEALTH INSURERS AND PHYSICIANS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (a) There is established a task force to study (1) the payment of
2 health insurance claims by health insurers, including, but not limited
3 to, managed care organizations, as defined in section 38a-478 of the
4 general statutes; and (2) the provisions in contracts between physicians
5 and such health insurers. The task force shall consider (A) whether
6 managed care organizations inappropriately reduce the level of service
7 coded on health insurance claims or inappropriately combine services
8 coded separately on such claims for the purpose of reducing
9 payments; and (B) whether the general statutes should be amended to
10 specify mandatory and prohibited provisions in contracts between
11 physicians and such health insurers.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;

17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

21 (7) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
22 and

23 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor, which shall include
24 one representative of health care providers in this state, and one
25 representative of health insurers in this state.

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
27 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
28 of the General Assembly.

29 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
30 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
31 filled by the appointing authority.

32 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
33 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
34 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
35 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
36 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

37 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
39 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

40 (g) Not later than January 1, 2002, the task force shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
44 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
45 that it submits such report or January 1, 2002, whichever is earlier.

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