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Public Act No. 05-253

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Insurance Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the Healthcare Advocate, shall develop a comprehensive public education outreach program to educate health insurance consumers about the availability and general eligibility requirements of various health insurance options in this state. The program shall maximize public information concerning health insurance options in this state and shall provide for the dissemination of such information on the Insurance Department's Internet web site.

(b) The information on the department's Internet web site shall reference the availability and general eligibility requirements of (1) programs administered by the Department of Social Services, including, but not limited to, the Medicaid program, the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B, and the state-administered general assistance program, (2) health insurance coverage provided by the Comptroller under subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, (3) health insurance coverage available under comprehensive health care plans

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issued pursuant to part IV of chapter 700c of the general statutes, and (4) other health insurance coverage offered through local, state or federal agencies or through entities licensed in this state. The commissioner shall update the information on the web site at least quarterly.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2006, the Comptroller shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance concerning the feasibility of providing coverage to uninsured residents of this state under the coverage offered pursuant to subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes. Such uninsured residents include, at a minimum, residents with no access to employer or government-sponsored health insurance. The Comptroller shall submit the report in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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