

REFERENCE TITLE: **medical services; purchase; study committee**

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-fifth Legislature
Second Regular Session
2022

HB 2218

Introduced by
Representatives Butler: Blackwater-Nygren, Cano, Fernandez B, Powers
Hannley

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE MEDICAL SERVICES PURCHASE PROGRAM STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Medical services purchase program study committee;
3 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The medical services purchase program study committee is
5 established consisting of the following members:

6 1. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
7 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are members of
8 different political parties. The speaker of the house of representatives
9 shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the
10 committee.

11 2. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of
12 the senate and who are members of different political parties. The
13 president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as
14 cochairperson of the committee.

15 3. The director of the Arizona health care cost containment system
16 administration or the director's designee.

17 4. A representative of an organization that is engaged in
18 supporting small businesses in this state who is appointed by the speaker
19 of the house of representatives.

20 5. A representative of a nonprofit organization that engages in
21 health care policy who is appointed by the president of the senate.

22 6. A representative of an organization that provides support to
23 hospitals in this state who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
24 representatives.

25 7. A representative of a membership organization that works to
26 improve the level of health and well-being through advocacy, professional
27 development and networking who is appointed by the president of the
28 senate.

29 8. A representative of an organization that is engaged in
30 supporting commerce in this state who is appointed by the speaker of the
31 house of representatives.

32 9. A representative of a public university in this state who is
33 appointed by the president of the senate.

34 10. A representative of an organization that provides support for
35 health plans offered through the Arizona health care cost containment
36 system who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

37 11. A representative of an organization that promotes and
38 facilitates the development and delivery of primary health care through
39 advocacy, education and technical assistance who is appointed by the
40 president of the senate.

41 12. A representative of a nonpartisan alliance of health and human
42 service agencies, faith-based communities and advocacy networks who is
43 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

1 13. A representative of a coalition of patient health organizations
2 advocating for people living with chronic care conditions who is appointed
3 by the president of the senate.

4 B. The study committee shall research and make recommendations for
5 establishing and implementing a medical services purchase program. The
6 study committee shall focus on the feasibility and implications of
7 allowing individuals to access insurance coverage through this state's
8 existing medicaid program.

9 C. The study committee may hold hearings, conduct fact-finding
10 tours and take testimony from witnesses who may assist the study committee
11 in fulfilling its responsibilities. All hearings of the study committee
12 hearings shall be open to the public.

13 D. The legislature shall provide staff and support services to the
14 study committee.

15 E. Study committee members are not eligible to receive compensation
16 but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38,
17 chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

18 F. On or before March 1, 2023, the study committee shall submit a
19 report regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor, the
20 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
21 and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

22 G. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2023.