

Revised financing language for primary care study

Sec. 37. COST ESTIMATES FOR UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CARE

(a) No later than October 15, 2015, the Joint Fiscal Office, in consultation with the Green Mountain Care Board and the Secretary of Administration or designee, shall provide to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Health Reform Oversight Committee, the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance an estimate of the costs of providing primary care to all Vermont residents, with and without cost-sharing by the patient, beginning on January 1, 2017.

(b) The report shall include an estimate of the cost of primary care to those Vermonters who access it if a universal primary care plan is not implemented, and the sources of funding for that care, including employer-sponsored and individual private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and other government-sponsored programs, and patient cost-sharing such as deductibles, coinsurance, and co-payments.

(c) The Secretary of Administration or designee, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, shall arrange for the actuarial services needed to perform the estimates and analysis required by this section. Departments and agencies of State government and the Green Mountain Care Board shall provide such data to the Joint Fiscal Office as needed to permit the Joint Fiscal Office to perform the estimates and analysis. If necessary, the Joint Fiscal Office may enter into confidentiality agreements with departments, agencies,

and the Board to ensure that confidential information provided to the Office is not further disclosed.

Sec. 38. APPROPRIATION

Up to ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$100,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the ~~Joint Fiscal Office~~ **Agency of Administration, Secretary's Office** in fiscal year 2016 to be used for assistance in the calculation of the cost estimates required in Sec. 37 of this act; provided, however, that the appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of any external funds received ~~by the Office~~ to carry out the estimates and analysis required by Sec. 37.