

April 8, 2009

**H 1274. CHILDHOOD OBESITY/COMMON METRIC MEASURES.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO DETERMINE IF ALL STATE AGENCIES THAT IMPLEMENT CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION STRATEGIES ARE USING A COMMON METRICS METHOD TO ENSURE USEFUL COMPARISON FOR PURPOSES OF MEASURING PROCESS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE.*

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health, to conduct a review of all childhood obesity prevention strategies being implemented by state agencies in order to determine if all agencies are using common metrics to enable measurement of progress and to identify where efforts have been the most successful and where additional efforts are needed. Requires DHHS to report its findings to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. The report must indicate whether legislation is needed to ensure that agencies use common metrics in the implementation of childhood obesity initiatives.

**Intro. by Insko.**

STUDY

May 13, 2009

**H 1274. STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE (NEW).** Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes provisions of the previous edition and replaces it with *AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE*. Amends Section 7(b) of SL 2009-16 to provide that six members of the State Health Plan Blue Ribbon Task Force are to be appointed (was, upon recommendation) by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and six members are to be appointed (was, upon recommendation) by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Provides that Part 7 of SL 2009-16, as amended by the act, is to be repealed effective December 31, 2010.

May 14, 2009

**H 1274. STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE.** Filed 4/8/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes proposed amendment of Section 7(b) of SL 2009-16, which establishes the membership of The State Health Plan Blue Ribbon Task Force (Task Force), by deleting from the membership the chair of the Board of Directors of the State Health Plan and requiring instead that the chair of the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan or the chair's designee be appointed as a Task Force member.

July 30, 2009

**H 1274. STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE.** Filed 4/8/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 135-45.2(j) to provide that employees, retired employees, or their dependents are ineligible for coverage under the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan) upon a finding by the Executive Administrator, Board of Trustees, or a court that the employee or dependent knowingly and willfully made or caused to be made a false statement or false representation of material fact in any representation or attestation to the Plan.

Amends Section 2(b) of SL 2009-16 to provide that the five-year cessation of coverage requirement of GS 135-45.2(j) does not apply to the smoking cessation and weight management provisions of this subsection.

Amends GS 135-44.6 to require the Executive Administrator and the Board of Trustees to periodically recommend the establishment or adjustment of (was, establish) premium rates for the Plan to the General Assembly and adopt rules for the payment of the premiums based on the premium rates enacted by the General Assembly. Prohibits premium rates established or adjusted pursuant to the statute from being effective except by an act of the General Assembly.

Amends GS 135-45.2(d)(1), as amended by Section 3(b) of SL 2009-16, to add that the coverage of a full-time student up to the age of 26 that loses full-time status due to an injury may

be extended for one year provided that the student was enrolled at the time of the onset of the injury.

Makes technical changes to Section 7(b) of SL 2009-16.

Specifies that the act applies to the Plan year beginning July 1, 2009.

Changes the title to *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE AND TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES*.

August 3, 2009

**H 1274. STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE.** Filed 4/8/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Amends GS 135-45.6(b)(4), as amended by Section 2(c) of SL 2009-16, to provide that State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan) members must pay the lesser of co-payments provided under the subsection or a pharmacy's cash price to the general public for a particular prescription (was, prohibited allowable charges from being greater than the lesser of co-payments or a pharmacy's charge to the general public). Allows the Plan's pharmacy benefit manager to remove any pharmacy that charges an amount in violation of this subsection from the pharmacy network. Deletes that co-payments and other allowable charges must be the lesser of the Plan's discounted cost of the drug or the co-payment amount or allowable charge, which applies to all optional alternative plans available under the Plan. Specifies that these amendments apply to prescription drugs purchased on or after October 1, 2009.

Makes a conforming change to the effective date.

September 1, 2009

**SL 2009-571 (H 1274). STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE.** *AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE AND TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES*. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/8/09, 5/13/09, 5/14/09, 7/30/09, and 8/3/09. Enacted August 28, 2009. Section 3(e) is effective October 1, 2009. The remainder is effective August 28, 2009, and applies to Plan years beginning July 1, 2009.