

Health Care Provider Practice Sustainability and Training/Additional Transparency in Health Care - The LRC Study Committee on Health Care Provider Practice Sustainability and Training/Additional Transparency in Health Care shall study ways to enhance health care provider recruitment, retention and distribution in order to increase access to medical care and make recommendations on the following:

- (1) A comprehensive assessment of the State's current and projected supply and distribution of health care providers. The assessment shall identify the health care provider specialties that are currently most needed in this State and those that are expected to be in greater need in the future.
- (2) A comprehensive review of all existing State programs that are designed to recruit and retain health care providers, including an examination of program focused on recruiting new and partially retired health care providers.
- (3) A comprehensive review of the current and future role and availability of physician extenders as a partial solution for increasing the availability of medical care in this State, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas. The term "physician extender" includes physicians' assistants and registered nurses licensed to practice in this state.
- (4) A review of programs and strategies used in other states that are designed to recruit and retain health care providers, including an examination of programs and strategies focused on recruiting new and partially retired health care providers.
- (5) A review of programs and strategies for recruiting and retaining health care providers, including consultation related to the State's existing administrative and regulatory burdens that discourage health care providers from practicing in the State.
- (6) An examination of the cost and benefits of requiring health care providers to quote to a patient their out of pocket expenditures before a service or procedure is performed and potential impacts that this requirement may have on quality of care and health outcomes.
- (7) An examination of whether primary care providers are best equipped to provide such quotes.
- (8) A comprehensive review of all existing State programs that are designed to improve access to health care provider care using telemedicine, including the name of the program, a description of the program, and details on program performance.
- (9) Identification of programs and strategies employed in other states that are designed to improve access to health care provider care using telemedicine.
- (10) Any other issues pertinent to this study.