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NOTICE OF MEETING

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

The committee chairs have scheduled the following meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2003
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Room 129 State Capitol

An agenda follows this notice. If committee members would like to be excused from the meeting, they may call Mark Andrews or Joy Miller at 538-1032.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rep. Mike Thompson, House Chair
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AGENDA
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE
UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 • 9:00 a.m. • Room 129 State Capitol

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2003 meeting

9:05

2. Detection of Public Health Emergencies Act – Sunset Review

Following the events of September 11, the Legislature adopted the Detection of Public Health Emergencies Act to strengthen the reporting, investigation, and use of information that could signal the presence of a public health emergency.

Pursuant to Section 63-55-226, the Detection of Public Health Emergencies Act will be repealed July 1, 2004 absent further action by the Legislature. The Committee will consider: 1) whether to recommend extension of the Act; and 2) whether to recommend any amendments to the Act.

- Department of Health
- Public comment
- Proposed legislation

9:40

3. Utah Health Data Authority Act – Sunset Review

Created by the Legislature in 1990, the Health Data Committee within the Department of Health was designed to "direct a statewide effort to collect, analyze, and distribute health care data to facilitate the promotion and accessibility of quality and cost-effective health care and also to facilitate interaction among those with concern for health care issues."

Pursuant to Section 63-55-226, the Utah Health Data Authority Act will be repealed July 1, 2004 absent further action by the Legislature. The Interim Committee will receive the Health Data Committee's biennial report and consider: 1) whether to recommend extension of the Act; and 2) whether to recommend any amendments to the Act.

- Department of Health
- Public comment

10:15

4. Health Insurance – Adjustment of Adoption Indemnity Benefit

Utah health insurers are required to provide an adoption indemnity benefit to adoptive parents "if a child is placed for adoption with the insured within 90 days of the child's birth." Utah Code requires the Insurance Commissioner to:

- (i) establish, by rule, the amount of the adoption indemnity benefit provided under Subsection (1) at a minimum of \$2,500; and

- (ii) review the amount of the adoption indemnity benefit every two years to make any necessary and reasonable adjustments, taking into account the average insurance cost of an uncomplicated birth. (§31A-22-610.1)

The Committee will consider Commissioner's biennial review and adjustment of the benefit.

- Department of Insurance
- Public comment

10:30 5. Evaluation of Health Insurance Market

The committee will review the annual evaluation by the Insurance Commissioner on the status of Utah's health insurance market. Subsection 31A-2-201(7), U.C.A., describes the evaluation:

- (b) The evaluation shall:
 - (i) analyze the effectiveness of the insurance regulations and statutes in promoting healthy, competitive health insurance market that meets the needs of Utahns by assessing such things as the availability and marketing of individual and group products, rate changes, coverage and demographic changes, benefit trends, market share changes, and accessibility;
 - (ii) assess complaint ratios and trends within the health insurance market, which assessment shall integrate complaint data from the Office of Consumer Health Assistance within the department;
 - (iii) contain recommendations for action to improve the overall effectiveness of the health insurance market, administrative rules, and statutes; and
 - (iv) include claims loss ratio data for each insurance company doing business in the state.
- (c) When preparing the evaluation required by this section, the commissioner may seek the input of insurers, employers, insured persons, providers, and others with an interest in the health insurance market.

- Department of Insurance

11:15 6. Insurance Code Exemption

The Committee will review draft legislation that would provide an exemption from the insurance code for death, accident, and health benefits provided by a charitable, educational, social, or religious organization to its volunteers who would not otherwise have access to health care benefits.

- Proposed legislation

11:55 7. Other Items / Adjourn