
JOINT MEDICAID OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Authorizes the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) chairperson to hire and terminate employees for the Committee, subject to approval by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate or their designees.
- Requires JMOC to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of implementing both a plan similar to the Healthy Indiana Plan and a high-risk pool in Ohio.

Employees

(R.C. 103.41)

The act authorizes the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) chairperson to hire and terminate professional, technical, and clerical employees for JMOC. However, the hires and terminations are subject to approval by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate or their designees. Under prior law, JMOC as a whole had the authority to hire these employees. JMOC is responsible for providing ongoing legislative oversight of the state's Medicaid program.¹⁰⁶

Health coverage study

(Section 313.20)

The act requires JMOC to conduct a study determining the feasibility of simultaneously implementing a plan that is similar to the Healthy Indiana Plan and a high-risk pool in Ohio. Under the Healthy Indiana Plan, for nondisabled Medicaid recipients between the ages of 19 and 64, traditional Medicaid is replaced with a plan that pairs high deductible health plans and health savings accounts.¹⁰⁷ A high-risk pool is a government program that provides health coverage for individuals who are uninsurable (e.g., due to preexisting conditions).¹⁰⁸ By June 30, 2018, JMOC must submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly.

¹⁰⁶ R.C. 103.412, not in the act.

¹⁰⁷ Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, "About the HIP Program" available at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2494.htm>.

¹⁰⁸ U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, "High-Risk Pool Plan (State)" available at <https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/high-risk-pool-plan-state/>.

