

1 Amend the Health and Insurance Committee Report, page 1, line 3, after
2 "(3)(a)" insert "(10); and **add** (15)";

3 Page 1 of the report, strike line 18 and substitute "1.52.

4 (10) "Medical inflation" means the annual percentage change in
5 the medical care index component of the United States department of
6 labor's bureau of labor statistics consumer price index for medical care
7 services and medical care commodities, or its applicable predecessor or
8 successor index, based on the average ~~change in the medical care index~~
9 ~~over the previous ten years~~ RATE OF THE SECOND HALF OF THE PRIOR
10 YEAR.

11 (15) "UTILIZATION TREND" MEANS THE ESTIMATED CHANGE IN
12 UTILIZATION OF A SERVICE BASED ON ACTUARILLY SOUND
13 PROJECTIONS.".

14 Page 1 of the report, after line 19, insert:

15 "Page 2 of the bill, before line 12, insert:

16 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1305, amend
17 (2) as follows:

18 **10-16-1305. Standardized health benefit plan - carriers**
19 **required to offer - premium rates - rules.** (2) (a) (I) In the individual
20 market, for the plan year beginning January 1, 2023, and in the small
21 group market, beginning January 1, 2023, each carrier shall offer the
22 standardized plan at a premium rate that is at least five percent less than
23 the premium rate for health benefit plans that the carrier offered in the
24 2021 calendar year, as adjusted for medical inflation AND UTILIZATION
25 TREND, in the individual and small group markets. The commissioner
26 shall calculate the premium rate reduction based on the rates charged in
27 the same county in which the carrier offered health benefit plans in the
28 individual and small group markets in 2021 prior to the application of the
29 Colorado reinsurance program pursuant to part 11 of this article 16.

30 (II) For carriers offering the standardized plan in the 2023 plan
31 year in a county in which the carrier did not offer a health benefit plan in
32 the individual or small group market in the 2021 calendar year, each
33 carrier that offers the standardized plan shall offer the standardized plan:

34 (A) In the individual market at a premium rate that is at least five
35 percent less than the average premium rate for individual health benefit
36 plans offered in that county in 2021, calculated based on the average

1 premium rate for individual health benefit plans offered in that county, as
2 adjusted for medical inflation AND UTILIZATION TREND, prior to the
3 application of the Colorado reinsurance program pursuant to part 11 of
4 this article 16; and

5 (B) In the small group market at a premium rate that is at least five
6 percent less than the average premium rate for small group plans offered
7 in that county in 2021, as adjusted for medical inflation AND UTILIZATION
8 TREND.

9 (b) (I) In the individual market, for the plan year beginning
10 January 1, 2024, and in the small group market, beginning January 1,
11 2024, each carrier shall offer the standardized plan at a premium rate that
12 is at least ten percent less than the premium rate for health benefit plans
13 that the carrier offered in the 2021 calendar year, as adjusted for medical
14 inflation AND UTILIZATION TREND, in the individual and small group
15 markets. The commissioner shall calculate the premium rate reduction
16 based on the rates charged in the same county in which the carrier offered
17 health benefit plans in the individual and small group markets in 2021
18 prior to the application of the Colorado reinsurance program pursuant to
19 part 11 of this article 16.

20 (II) For carriers offering the standardized plan in the 2024 plan
21 year in a county in which the carrier did not offer a health benefit plan in
22 the individual or small group market in the 2021 calendar year, each
23 carrier that offers the standardized plan shall offer the standardized plan:

24 (A) In the individual market at a premium rate that is at least ten
25 percent less than the average premium rate for individual plans offered in
26 that county in 2021, calculated based on the average premium rate for
27 individual plans offered in that county, as adjusted for medical inflation
28 AND UTILIZATION TREND, prior to the application of the Colorado
29 reinsurance program pursuant to part 11 of this article 16; and

30 (B) In the small group market at a premium rate that is at least ten
31 percent less than the average premium rate for small group plans offered
32 in that county in 2021, as adjusted for medical inflation AND UTILIZATION
33 TREND.

34 (c) (I) In the individual market, for the plan year beginning
35 January 1, 2025, and in the small group market, beginning January 1,
36 2025, each carrier shall offer the standardized plan at a premium rate that
37 is at least fifteen percent less than the premium rate for health benefit
38 plans that the carrier offered in the 2021 calendar year, as adjusted for
39 medical inflation AND UTILIZATION TREND, in the individual and small
40 group markets. The commissioner shall calculate the premium rate
41 reduction based on the rates charged in the same county in which the
42 carrier offered health benefit plans in the individual and small group
43 markets in 2021 prior to the application of the Colorado reinsurance

1 program pursuant to part 11 of this article 16.

2 (II) For carriers offering the standardized plan in the 2025 plan
3 year in a county in which the carrier did not offer a health benefit plan in
4 the individual or small group market in the 2021 calendar year, each
5 carrier that offers the standardized plan shall offer the standardized plan:

6 (A) In the individual market at a premium rate that is at least
7 fifteen percent less than the average premium rate for individual plans
8 offered in that county in 2021, calculated based on the average premium
9 rate for individual plans offered in that county, as adjusted for medical
10 inflation AND UTILIZATION TREND, prior to the application of the Colorado
11 reinsurance program pursuant to part 11 of this article 16; and

12 (B) In the small group market at a premium rate that is at least
13 fifteen percent less than the average premium rate for small group plans
14 offered in that county in 2021, as adjusted for medical inflation AND
15 UTILIZATION TREND.

16 (d) For the plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and
17 each year thereafter, each carrier and health-care coverage cooperative
18 shall limit any annual percentage increase in the premium rate for the
19 standardized plan in both the individual and small group markets to a rate
20 that is no more than medical inflation AND UTILIZATION TREND, relative
21 to the previous year.".

22 Rerumber succeeding sections accordingly.".

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