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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, FLYNN, FONTANA, MILLER AND
CAPPELLETTI, JUNE 23, 2023

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUNE 23, 2023

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Primary Care Investment Task Force; and
2 providing for duties of the Primary Care Investment Task
3 Force.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Primary Care
8 Investment Task Force Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Carrier." An insurer that offers a health benefit plan.

14 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Enrollee." An individual enrolled in a health benefit plan.

17 "Primary care." Family medicine, general internal medicine
18 or general pediatrics.

1 "Primary care provider." A physician licensed in this
2 Commonwealth whose clinical practice is in the area of primary
3 care, including an allopathic or osteopathic physician who
4 specializes in pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine or
5 obstetrics and gynecology.

6 "Secretary." The Secretary of Human Services of the
7 Commonwealth.

8 "Task force." The Primary Care Investment Task Force
9 established under section 3(a).

10 Section 3. Primary Care Investment Task Force.

11 (a) Establishment.--The Primary Care Investment Task Force
12 is established.

13 (b) Duties.--The task force shall advise and assist in
14 developing and sharing best practices in technical assistance
15 and methods of reimbursement that direct greater health care
16 resources and investments toward supporting and facilitating
17 health care innovation and care improvement in primary care.

18 Section 4. Meetings, compensation and composition of task
19 force.

20 (a) Meetings.--Within one year of the effective date of this
21 subsection, the department shall schedule and coordinate at
22 least four meetings of the task force.

23 (b) Compensation.--Members of the task force shall not be
24 compensated, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

25 (c) Composition.--The task force shall consist of the
26 following members and any other members the department deems
27 necessary to assist in the task force's duties under section
28 3(b):

29 (1) The secretary or the secretary's designee.

30 (2) The Secretary of Health or the secretary's designee.

1 (3) The Insurance Commissioner or the commissioner's
2 designee.

3 (4) A representative of the Pennsylvania Academy of
4 Family Physicians.

5 (5) A representative of the Pennsylvania section of the
6 American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

7 (6) A representative of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the
8 American College of Physicians.

9 (7) A representative of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the
10 American Academy of Pediatrics.

11 (8) A representative of the Hospital and Healthsystem
12 Association of Pennsylvania.

13 (9) A representative of the Pennsylvania Association of
14 Community Health Centers.

15 (10) No more than three representatives of commercial
16 health insurance carriers appointed by the secretary.

17 (11) No more than three representatives of Medicaid
18 managed care organizations appointed by the secretary.

19 (12) National or state experts in the analysis of
20 primary care spending appointed by the secretary, including
21 an expert from the Milbank Memorial Fund and Patient-Centered
22 Primary Care Collaborative.

23 (d) Recommendations.--The task force shall summarize its
24 findings and develop recommendations for the General Assembly to
25 consider within one year of the effective date of this
26 subsection.

27 Section 5. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect immediately.