

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	5/14, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to seek approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to operate a demonstration project to test alternative health care delivery systems through one or more pilot programs. Specifies components to be included in pilot programs. Sunsets January 2, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Report on findings due in February 2008
- Definition of “underserved populations”
- Attempts to find efficiencies in Medicare

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Medical care delivery is classified into:

- *Primary care* medical services are provided by physicians or other health professionals who has first contact with a patient seeking medical treatment or care
- *Secondary care* medical services are provided by medical specialists in their offices or clinics or at local community hospitals for a patient referred by a primary care provider who first diagnosed or treated the patient; referrals are made for those patients who required the expertise or procedures performed by specialists
- *Tertiary care* medical services are provided by specialist hospitals or regional centers equipped with diagnostic and treatment facilities not generally available at local hospitals

Computer Health Access Medical Practice (CHAMP) uses teams of health providers to care for more people and is aided by support technology. The goals of the CHAMP study are to reduce costs, enhance outcome quality, test customer service experience and test the utility of decision-support software. Additionally, the study will compare against standard practices, determine optimal composition of the teams, and determine the size of patient panels.