

HEALTH CARE STUDIES

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: The rise in the costs of health care services has been of consistent concern to the Legislature in recent years, as lawmakers look for ways to reduce the costs to Montanans who are buying insurance and paying for health care services and for ways to reduce the impact of increasing costs on publicly funded programs. The following studies have been conducted in the past decade:

- House Joint Resolution 20, which studied health care price transparency in the 2017-2018 interim;
- House Joint Resolution 33, which looked at the implications, options and repercussions of a health insurance exchange in Montana during the 2011-2012 interim; and
- Senate Joint Resolution 35, which took a broad look at health care topics that ranged from the uninsured population to the state's health care workforce, medical malpractice laws, and the use of health information technology in the 2009-2010 interim. The study also followed the congressional efforts that resulted in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Even earlier, additional studies looked at the health care delivery system (SJR 15, 2007-2008) and health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs (HJR 48 in 2007-2008). In 2001-2002, the SJR 22 study looked at health care and the increasing costs of health care services.

Legislative Services Division Materials:

The following materials are available for studies conducted in 2009 or later.

Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee Web Pages

(All Reports, Statistics, and Related Materials Compiled for the Interim)

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2017-2018 Interim: [HJR 20 Study, Health Care Price Transparency](#)

2017-2018 Interim: [HJR 17 Study, Prescription Drug Pricing](#)

2009-2010 Interim: [SJR 35 Study, Health Care](#)

Economic Affairs Interim Committee

2011-2012 Interim: [HJR 33, Health Insurance Exchange](#)

Introduced Legislation

2019

[House Joint Resolution No. 55](#) (Died in House Committee) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF ENSURING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES; AND REQUIRING THAT FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 67TH LEGISLATURE.

[House Joint Resolution No. 65](#) (Died in House Committee) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF REFERENCE-BASED PRICING IN INSURANCE PLANS; AND REQUIRING THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 67TH LEGISLATURE.

2017

[House Joint Resolution No. 20](#) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH CARE PRICING; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 66TH LEGISLATURE.

[House Joint Resolution No. 17](#) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 66TH LEGISLATURE.

2015: None

2013: None

2011

[House Joint Resolution No. 33](#) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY ON THE IMPLICATIONS, OPTIONS, AND REPERCUSSIONS OF A HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE IN THE STATE OF MONTANA; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 63RD LEGISLATURE.

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2009

[Senate Joint Resolution No. 35](#) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY MATTERS RELATED TO HEALTH CARE.

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