

Recommended language for report:

The committee heard testimony from the conferees that Kansas needed greater public awareness of this condition, more education of providers and expanded payment sources for the treatments discussed, including a state mandate payment for insurance reimbursements. Enactment of state insurance mandates is a complicated issue requiring review of ACA requirements for state general fund payments, statutorily required cost benefit analysis and test tracking of the new benefit mandate on the State Employees Health Care Plan. In addition, state mandates cover only insured products, so self insured groups may be exempt under the federal ERISA law and other groups and associations may be exempt under federal Short Term Limited Duration Policies or exempt under state laws.

The committee recommends that the 2021 Legislature review the insurance implications of the proposed payment mandate on both the public and private payer community.