

Sec. E.100.10 UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CARE; REPORT

(a) Regardless of any future developments in payment and delivery system reform, Vermont is likely to continue to have uninsured or underinsured residents. As expanding access to primary care services is a proven method for improving population health, the General Assembly intends to move forward with implementation of universal primary care for all Vermonters.

(b) In order to determine a path forward toward implementing universal primary care in Vermont, the Secretary of Administration or designee shall:

(1) conduct a literature review of any savings realized by universal health care programs over time that are attributable to the availability of universal access to primary care; and

(2) analyze the primary care payment models created through the development of the all-payer model in order to enable legislators to estimate appropriate reimbursement amounts for health care providers delivering primary care services.

(c) The Secretary or designee shall provide a detailed implementation timeline for universal primary care, including the recommended timing for conducting cost analyses; developing financing options; projecting impacts on insurance markets, individuals, households, businesses, and others; and estimating one-time and ongoing administrative costs.

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(d) On or before December 15, 2016, the Secretary or designee shall report the results of the universal primary care study required by subsection (b) of this section, and the timeline developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, to the Health Reform Oversight Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House Committees on Health Care, on Appropriations, and on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance.