Monitoring of Medicaid Expansion

Because the legislation authorizing the state's expansion of the Medicaid program will expire on June 30, 2019, unless the 2019 Legislature extends it, the Committee decided to devote a significant amount of its meeting time to examining the effects of the expansion and its enabling legislation -- Senate Bill 405, the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) Act. The Committee also will monitor federal developments that may affect both Medicaid expansion and the general Medicaid program. The table below lists the activities that will be undertaken during the interim, the amount of time that will be devoted to each topic, and the sources of the information that will be presented to the Committee.

Study Task	Sources of Information	Meeting Date	Committee Time
(1) Review implications of federal changes on Medicaid expansion and the general Medicaid program	Staff researchPresentations to be determined	Ongoing	2.5 hours
(2) Review key provisions and demographics of: (a) the general Medicaid program and its enrollees; and (b) the HELP Act and expansion population	Staff research Presentation: DPHHS	November 2017	1.5 hours
(3) Review enrollee responsibility provisions of HELP Act (premiums, copayments, disenrollment, taxpayer integrity fee, wellness activities)	Staff researchPresentation: DPHHSPanel: Expansion enrollees	November 2017	1.75 hours
(4) Review workforce development provisions of HELP Act and use of workforce programs	Staff research Presentation: Department of Labor Panel: HELP-Link participants	January 2018	1.75 hours
(5) Provider discussion of the impact of the HELP Act on providers	Panel: Providers (hospitals,, individual providers, mental health centers)	March 2018	1.5 hours
(6) Review information, make recommendations, develop legislation as necessary	Committee members	March through September 2018	7 hours
		Total	16 hours