

LCC Study Topics	KHPA Translated Research Question	Proposed Methodology	Suggested Author	* Delivery Date
<p>1. Study a requirement which would allow the employer contribution to any HSA plan offered to state employees be equal to the employer contribution to any other state health benefit plan offered to state employees</p> <p>Report on the mechanisms for depositing the cost savings in the employee's Health Savings Account</p>			Policy enacted in Section 10 of House Substitute for Senate Bill 81	
<p>2. Study allowing the Inspector General to keep a portion of the moneys recovered from persons committing Medicaid fraud</p>	<p>What is the experience utilizing incentive payments in other OIG type programs</p>	<p>Survey other states having such incentive policies</p>	<p>Medicaid division of KHPA</p>	<p>* January 1, 2009</p>
<p>3. Study modernizing Medicaid benefits and payment policies to encourage wellness, efficiency, and aligning payment policies with Medicare payment policies</p>	<p>What is the current status of benefit and payment policies in the Kansas Medicaid program related to wellness, efficiency, and Medicare payment methodology alignment?</p> <p>What additional wellness policies could be implemented that are effective in other states?</p>	<p>Survey existing policies in KHPA Medicaid MCOs, PCCMs, FFSs and review policies of other state Medicaid programs</p>	<p>Medicaid division of KHPA</p>	<p>* January 1, 2009</p>

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4. Study allowing Medical Assistance recipients whose assistance has ceased to purchase coverage for up to three years	What is the volume of former Medical Assistance enrollees likely to participate in a Medicaid buy-in?	Quantification of size of population and Calculation of cost for Medicaid continuation coverage with comparison monthly take-home pay Legal analysis of federal Medicaid law related to Medicaid buy-in policy	Medicaid and Legal divisions of KHPA	* January 1, 2009
5. Study the experiences of other states in Medicaid reform	What state Medicaid reform policies have produced significant improvements in access, cost, and quality?	Compile summary of existing internal and national analyses	Policy division of KHPA	* November 1, 2008
6. Study long-term care in Medicaid reform	What state Medicaid long-term care reform policies have produced significant improvements in access, cost, and quality?	Compile summary of existing internal and national analyses	Department on Aging	* November 1, 2008
7. Study waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid reform	What anti-fraud/waste/abuse policies have yielded the highest rate of cost benefit?	Summary of best practices	OIG	* November 1, 2008
8. Study Health Opportunity Accounts in Medicaid reform	What is the design and level of participation in states having Health Opportunity Accounts?	Compile summary of existing internal and national analyses	Medicaid division of KHPA	* November 1, 2008
9. Study other Medicaid reforms allowed by federal law	What flexibility in Medicaid design is allowed under federal law?	Compile summary of existing national sources	Policy division of KHPA	* January 1, 2009
10. Study individual and small business tax credits to expand affordable commercial insurance	What is the design and level of participation in states having individual and small business tax credit	Compile summary of state tax credit designs and take-up rates	Department of Revenue	* November 1, 2008

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	policies to stimulate health insurance coverage?			
11. Study encouragement of HSAs, HDHPs, and Section 125 plans to expand affordable commercial insurance	What state policies have been effective in increasing utilization of HSAs, HDHPs, and Section 125 plans, which populations take up these policies and why?	Compile summary of existing national sources	KID	* November 1, 2008
12. Study allowing insurers to provide incentives in return for participation in programs promoting wellness, health, and disease prevention to expand affordable commercial insurance	Do barriers exist in existing insurance law that preclude incentives for participation in wellness, health, and disease prevention programs and what is the rate of industry adoption of such incentives ?	Legal review of existing state insurance law and summary of existing health insurance plan practices	KID	* November 1, 2008
13. Study allowing insurers to offer young adult policies with limited benefits and reduced premiums to expand affordable commercial insurance	What is the projected takeup for YAP policies in Kansas and what impact would their presence have on the private insurance market?	Economic modeling by schramm-raleigh Health Strategies	Small Business Health Insurance Task Force of KHPA	* January 1, 2009
14. Study changes to the KHIA plans and eligibility and use of reinsurance mechanisms to expand affordable commercial insurance	Could the KHIA products be redesigned to yield improved access, cost, and quality for uninsured Kansans?	Economic modeling by schramm-raleigh Health Strategies	Small Business Health Insurance Task Force of KHPA	* January 1, 2009
15. Study small business health policies including the creation of a Small Business Health Policy Committee, allowing very	What changes in current small business health insurance policies would improve access and affordability to health	Economic modeling by schramm-raleigh Health Strategies	Small Business Health Insurance Task Force of KHPA	* January 1, 2009

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small employers to obtain health insurance and making health insurance more affordable for small businesses and employees to expand affordable commercial insurance	insurance for small employers?			
16. Study the health manpower health reform issue	What is the current and projected volume and distribution of health care providers (initial focus physicians) required to meet anticipated health care needs of Kansas citizens?	Quantify current volume and distribution of health professional (initial focus physicians) in the state and develop supply/demand trend projections	Physician Workforce and Accreditation Task Force	Prior to the beginning of the 2009 legislative session
17. Study the physical fitness in schools health reform issue	What is the status of physical fitness in schools?	Performance evaluation of the Coordinated School Health program	KDHE	* November 1, 2008
18. Study the transparency health reform issue	How effective are current health transparency initiatives?	Performance evaluation of Kansas Health Online contrasted with other transparency initiatives	Data Policy & Evaluation Division of KHPA	* January 1, 2009
19. Study a statutory committee on health futures health reform issue	What health policy voids exist in current Kansas legislative committee structure?	Gap analysis existing legislative committee functions	Policy division of KHPA	* January 1, 2009

20. HB 2672 In collaboration with the commissioner of insurance, the Kansas health policy authority shall conduct a study on the impact of extending coverage for the bariatric surgery in the state employee health care benefits program, the affordability of coverage in the small business employer group and the high risk pool and the possibility of reinsurance or state subsidies for reinsurance.

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