

House Engrossed Senate Bill  
AHCCCS; obesity treatment; study committee

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# SENATE BILL 1711

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE OBESITY TREATMENT STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Obesity treatment study committee; membership;  
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The obesity treatment study committee is established to study  
5 the cost, potential savings, effectiveness, health outcomes and value of  
6 extending coverage under this state's medicaid program to include  
7 comprehensive treatment for people living with obesity. The study  
8 committee consists of the following members:

9 1. Two members of the senate who are from different political  
10 parties and who are appointed by the president of the senate. The  
11 president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as  
12 cochairperson of the study committee.

13 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are from  
14 different political parties and who are appointed by the speaker of the  
15 house of representatives. The speaker of the house of representatives  
16 shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the  
17 study committee.

18 3. The director of the Arizona health care cost containment system  
19 or the director's designee.

20 4. The director of the department of health services or the  
21 director's designee.

22 5. Two members who represent patient advocacy organizations with  
23 expertise in treating people living with obesity and who are appointed by  
24 the president of the senate.

25 6. Two members who represent medical societies or physician  
26 organizations or who are physicians with experience treating people living  
27 with obesity and who are appointed by the speaker of the house of  
28 representatives.

29 7. One member who is a registered dietitian with expertise in the  
30 therapeutic treatment of people living with obesity through diet,  
31 exercise, lifestyle changes or behavior modification and who is appointed  
32 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

33 B. The study committee shall meet at the call of the  
34 cochairpersons.

35 C. Members of the study committee are not eligible to receive  
36 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to  
37 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

38 D. The study committee shall:

39 1. Conduct a comprehensive study to determine the cost, potential  
40 savings, effectiveness, health outcomes and value of extending coverage  
41 under the Arizona health care cost containment system to include  
42 comprehensive treatment for people living with obesity.

43 2. Identify any additional resources or policy initiatives that  
44 would enhance public health and reduce costs associated with treating  
45 people living with obesity.

1           3. Review current policies and practices and propose revisions to  
2 the Arizona health care cost containment system to improve outcomes for  
3 people living with obesity.

4           E. On or before December 31, 2025, the obesity treatment study  
5 committee shall submit a report regarding the study committee's  
6 activities, findings and recommendations for administrative or legislative  
7 action to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the  
8 house of representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to the  
9 secretary of state.

10          F. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2026.