

**249J.16 Cost and quality performance evaluation.**

Beginning July 1, 2005, the department shall contract with an independent consulting firm to do all of the following:

1. Annually evaluate and compare the cost and quality of care provided by the medical assistance program and through the expansion population with the cost and quality of care available through private insurance and managed care organizations doing business in the state.
2. Annually evaluate the improvements by the medical assistance program and the expansion population in the cost and quality of services provided to Iowans over the cost and quality of care provided in the prior year.

2005 Acts, ch 167, §17, 66

Referred to in [§249A.36](#), [249J.23](#)