

249J.9 Future expansion population, benefits, and provider network growth.

1. *Population.* The department shall contract with the division of insurance of the department of commerce or another appropriate entity to track, on an annual basis, the number of uninsured and underinsured Iowans, the cost of private market insurance coverage, and other barriers to access to private insurance for Iowans. Based on these findings and available funds, the department shall make recommendations, annually, to the governor and the general assembly regarding further expansion of the expansion population.

2. Benefits.

a. The department shall not provide services to expansion population members that are in addition to the services originally designated by the department pursuant to section 249J.6, without express authorization provided by the general assembly.

b. The department, upon the recommendation of the clinicians advisory panel established pursuant to section 249J.18, may change the scope and duration of any of the available expansion population services, but this subsection shall not be construed to authorize the department to make expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated for benefits for the expansion population.

3. Expansion population provider network.

a. The department shall not expand the expansion population provider network unless the department is able to pay for expansion population services provided by such providers at the full benefit recipient rates.

b. The department may limit access to the expansion population provider network by the expansion population to the extent the department deems necessary to meet the financial obligations to each provider under the expansion population provider network. This subsection shall not be construed to authorize the department to make any expenditure in excess of the amount appropriated for benefits for the expansion population.