

**House File 701 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 209)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to a review of anti-obesity medications by the  
2 department of health and human services for purposes of the  
3 medical assistance program.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. ANTI-OBESITY MEDICATION REVIEW AND REPORT. For  
2 purposes of the medical assistance program under chapter  
3 249A, the department of health and human services shall  
4 review anti-obesity medications for effectiveness, the impact  
5 on comorbidities, the potential for cost savings due to  
6 deferred medical procedures and reduced medications related to  
7 comorbidity, recommended eligibility requirements, and any other  
8 criteria the department deems relevant. The department shall  
9 submit a report to the general assembly by December 1, 2025, with  
10 the department's findings and proposed eligibility requirements.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to the department of health and human  
15 services (HHS) review of anti-obesity medication for purposes of  
16 the medical assistance program (Medicaid).

17 The bill requires HHS to review anti-obesity medications  
18 for effectiveness, comorbidities, cost savings, and eligibility  
19 requirements as described in the bill. HHS shall submit a report  
20 to the general assembly by December 1, 2025, containing HHS's  
21 findings and proposed eligibility requirements.