



# Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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## Summary SB 396 PN 311

This legislation reconstitutes the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for a period of four years. The Council is currently operating under an Executive Order.

The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council otherwise known as PHC4, is an independent state agency that strives to give consumers, purchasers and providers quality comparative data for the purpose of making informed health care purchasing decisions. It has been in existence since 1986.

The PHC4's primary responsibilities are to:

- Collect, analyze and make available to the public data about the cost and quality of health care;
- Study the issue of access to care for the uninsured; and
- Review and make recommendations regarding proposed or existing health care mandates.

The operations of the PHC4 are funded through both the state budget and data sales.

### Effective Date

This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to June 29, 2014 when the Health Care Cost Containment Act expired.