

1 S.246

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; Blueprint for Health; physical therapy

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to integrate proactive physical
7 therapy into Vermont's Blueprint for Health.

8 An act relating to proactive physical therapy and the Blueprint for Health

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 702(k) is added to read:

11 (k) It is the intent of the general assembly that the proactive application of
12 physical therapy shall be made available to patients identified by their primary
13 care physicians as having medical histories and risk factors that create barriers
14 to exercise. It is the intent of the general assembly that health insurers will
15 successfully align their coverage of benefits to include proactive physical
16 therapy in the establishment of medically appropriate exercise in the treatment
17 of chronic disease.