

1 H.498

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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Health; insurance; mental health parity; cost-sharing

10 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require health insurers to impose
11 equal cost-sharing for mental health care services and other primary health care
12 services.

13 An act relating to parity for primary mental health care services

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

15 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4089b(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for treatment of a mental
17 health condition and shall:

18 (1) not establish any rate, term, or condition that places a greater burden
19 on an insured for access to treatment for a mental health condition than for
20 access to treatment for other health conditions, including no greater

1 co-payment for mental health care or services than the co-payment applicable
2 to care or services provided by a primary care physician under an insured's
3 policy;

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5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.