

1 H.617

2 Introduced by Representative Dickinson of St. Albans Town

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; professions and occupations; Medicaid; licensed
6 alcohol and drug abuse counselors

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to enable certain licensed alcohol and
8 drug abuse counselors without a postgraduate degree to be Medicaid
9 participating providers.

10 An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as Medicaid
11 participating providers

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

13 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 813 is added to read:

14 § 813. MEDICAID PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

15 The department of Vermont health access may grant authorization to a
16 licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor with a bachelor's degree who was
17 licensed prior to implementation of the master's degree or higher education
18 requirement in subdivision 807(1) of this title to participate as a Medicaid
19 provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services to Medicaid

1 beneficiaries, regardless of whether the counselor is affiliated with a
2 designated agency.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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