

1 S.222

2 Introduced by Senators Fox and Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; Catamount Health; employer-sponsored  
6 insurance assistance; cost-sharing

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to limit cost-sharing exposure for  
8 individuals eligible for Catamount Health who are on an employer-sponsored  
9 insurance assistance plan.

10 An act relating to cost-sharing for employer-sponsored insurance assistance  
11 plans

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

13 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1974(c)(4) is amended to read:

14 (4) In consultation with the department of banking, insurance, securities,  
15 and health care administration, the agency shall develop criteria for approving  
16 employer-sponsored health insurance plans to ensure the plans provide  
17 comprehensive and affordable health insurance when combined with the  
18 assistance under this section. At minimum, an approved employer-sponsored  
19 insurance plan shall include:

1 (A) covered benefits to be substantially similar, as determined by the  
2 agency, to the benefits covered under Catamount Health, including  
3 deductibles, co-payments, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket maximums that shall  
4 not exceed those charged under Catamount Health; and

5 (B)(i) until January 1, 2009 or when statewide participation in the  
6 Vermont ~~blueprint~~ Blueprint for ~~health~~ Health is achieved, appropriate  
7 coverage of chronic conditions in a manner consistent with statewide  
8 participation by health insurers in the Vermont ~~blueprint~~ Blueprint for ~~health~~  
9 Health, and in accordance with the standards established in 18 V.S.A. § 702;

10 (ii) after statewide participation is achieved, coverage of chronic  
11 conditions substantially similar to Catamount Health.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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