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of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, and Pearce of Richford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Medicaid; home health services; telemonitoring

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services.

An act relating to Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services

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

Sec. 1. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HOME TELEMONITORING
SERVICES

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide Medicaid coverage for
services performed by home health agencies using home telemonitoring for a
Medicaid beneficiary who:

- 1 (1) requires after-care following surgery of the circulatory system
2 involving cardiac valve replacement or coronary artery bypass graft surgery;
- 3 (2) is diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions:
- 4 (A) chronic ischemic heart disease;
5 (B) heart failure;
6 (C) pneumonia;
7 (D) obstructive chronic bronchitis with acute exacerbation;
8 (E) chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD);
9 (F) asthma with COPD;
10 (G) preeclampsia;
11 (H) diabetes; or
12 (I) myocardial infarction; or
- 13 (3) exhibits two or more of the following risk factors:
- 14 (A) two or more hospitalizations in the prior 12-month period;
15 (B) frequent or recurrent emergency room admissions;
16 (C) a documented history of poor adherence to ordered medication
17 regimes;
- 18 (D) a documented history of falls in the prior six-month period;
19 (E) limited or absent informal support systems;
20 (F) living alone and being home alone for extended periods of
21 time; or

1 (G) a documented history of challenges accessing care.

2 (b) The Agency shall ensure that clinical information gathered by a home
3 health agency while providing home telemonitoring services is shared with the
4 patient's treating health care professionals and may impose other reasonable
5 requirements on the use of home telemonitoring services.

6 (c) As used in this section:

7 (1) "Home health agency" means an entity that has received a certificate
8 of need from the State to provide home health services or is certified to provide
9 services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(o).

10 (2) "Home telemonitoring service" means a health service that requires
11 scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient's health and
12 transmission of that data to a licensed home health agency.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.