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7 of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, O'Sullivan of  
8 Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Toll  
9 of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Woodward of  
10 Johnson, and Yantachka of Charlotte

11 Referred to Committee on

12 Date:

13 Subject: Health; Medicaid; Blueprint for Health; Adverse Childhood

14 Experience Questionnaire

15 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a  
16 patient's Blueprint for Health medical home to use the Adverse Childhood  
17 Experience Questionnaire in assessing the patient's health risks. It also makes  
18 Medicaid reimbursement of primary care providers contingent upon the use of  
19 the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire.

20 An act relating to the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire

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

2 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:

3 § 704. MEDICAL HOME

4 (a) Consistent with federal law to ensure federal financial participation, a  
5 health care professional providing a patient's medical home shall:

6 (1) provide comprehensive prevention and disease screening for his or  
7 her patients and managing his or her patients' chronic conditions by  
8 coordinating care;

9 (2) enable patients to have access to personal health information through  
10 a secure medium, such as through the Internet, consistent with federal health  
11 information technology standards;

12 (3) use the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire and a uniform  
13 assessment tool provided by the Blueprint in assessing a patient's health and  
14 health risks;

15 (4) collaborate with the community health teams, including by  
16 developing and implementing a comprehensive plan for participating patients;

17 (5) ensure access to a patient's medical records by the community health  
18 team members in a manner compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and  
19 Accountability Act, 12 V.S.A. § 1612, sections 1852, 7103, 9332, and 9351 of  
20 this title, and 21 V.S.A. § 516; and

1 (6) meet regularly with the community health team to ensure integration  
2 of a participating patient's care.

3 (b) A naturopathic physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 81  
4 may serve as a patient's medical home.

5 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1901g is added to read:

6 § 1901g. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

7 Reimbursement for primary care provided to a Medicaid patient shall be  
8 contingent upon the provider's use of the Adverse Childhood Experience  
9 Questionnaire for the purpose of assessing the patient's health risks. As used  
10 in this section, "primary care" means health services provided by health care  
11 professionals to identify and treat asymptomatic individuals who have risk  
12 factors or preclinical disease, but in whom the disease is not clinically  
13 apparent, including immunizations and screening, counseling, treatment, and  
14 medication determined by scientific evidence to be effective in preventing or  
15 detecting a condition.

16 Sec. 3. REPORT

17 On or before December 15, 2014, the Department of Health shall submit a  
18 report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House  
19 Committee on Health Care containing recommendations on the following:

20 (1) whether and how trauma-informed care could be more-widely  
21 incorporated into the practice of medicine throughout Vermont; and

1           (2) whether and how the use of the Advance Childhood Experience  
2           Questionnaire and other preventive medical services could be expanded  
3           throughout Vermont.

4           Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

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