
**Report to
The Vermont Legislature**

Opioid Addiction Treatment and its Effectiveness

**In Accordance with Act 135, 2012, Section 1(c)
An Act Relating to an Opioid Addiction Treatment System**

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Introduction

In 2012, the Vermont General Assembly passed Act 135, *An Act Relating to an Opioid Addiction Treatment System*. The purpose of the Act was to authorize the Department of Health (VDH) to establish a regional system of opioid addiction treatment. Section 1(c) of Act 135 requires VDH to report on Vermont's regional system of opioid addiction treatment, including the system's effectiveness.

During 2013, a regional system of opioid treatment called the Care Alliance for Opioid Treatment, also known as the Hub and Spoke system, was created. A review of this system and the evolution of opioid treatment services in Vermont is presented in a legislative report submitted to the legislature on December 13, 2013. This recent report, required by Act 75, 2013, Section 15a, also provides information about current treatment system capacity, waiting lists and remaining challenges. The information in the 2013 Act 75 report is the same information called for by Act 135 of 2012. To provide legislators with the information they want in the most efficient manner, VDH is fulfilling the reporting requirement of Act 135, 2012, Section 1(c) by submitting a link to the Act 75, Section 15a report. The report, titled *Opioid Addiction Treatment Programs*, is available on the Vermont Legislative Council's webpage at:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/2013ExternalReports/295237.pdf>.

It is also available on the Vermont Department of Health website at:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/2013ExternalReports/285154.pdf>