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Introduced by Representatives Browning of Arlington, Dickinson of
St. Albans Town, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton,
Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, and Morrissey of
Bennington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health care reform; payment reform; quality

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
the Green Mountain Care Board consider access to health care providers as a
measure of quality in the evaluation of all payment reform initiatives.

An act relating to measuring quality in payment reform initiatives

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9375 is amended to read:

§ 9375. DUTIES

(a) The Board shall execute its duties consistent with the principles
expressed in ~~18 V.S.A. §~~ section 9371 of this title.

(b) The Board shall have the following duties:

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- 1 (10) Develop and maintain a method for evaluating systemwide
2 performance and quality, including identification of the appropriate process
3 and outcome measures:
- 4 (A) for determining public and health care professional satisfaction
5 with the health system;
- 6 (B) for utilization of health services;
- 7 (C) in consultation with the Department of Health and the Director of
8 the Blueprint for Health, for quality of health services and the effectiveness of
9 prevention and health promotion programs, including:
- 10 (i) the average length of time patients spend interacting with a
11 primary care health care professional and the average length of time patients
12 spend interacting with a specialist; and
- 13 (ii) the average length of time patients wait between scheduling an
14 appointment and the appointment itself;
- 15 (D) for cost-containment and limiting the growth in health care
16 expenditures;
- 17 (E) for determining the adequacy of the supply and distribution of
18 health care resources in this State;
- 19 (F) to address access to and quality of mental health and substance
20 abuse services; and
- 21 (G) for other measures as determined by the Board.

