

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 234 entitled “An act relating to Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring
4 services” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out
6 Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901g is added to read:

9 § 1901g. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HOME TELEMONITORING

10 SERVICES

11 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide Medicaid coverage for
12 home telemonitoring services performed by home health agencies or other
13 qualified providers as defined by the Agency of Human Services for Medicaid
14 beneficiaries who have serious or chronic medical conditions that can result in
15 frequent or recurrent hospitalizations and emergency room admissions. ~~The~~
16 ~~Agency shall use evidence-based best practices to determine the conditions~~
17 ~~or risk factors to be covered. Beginning on July 1, 2014, the Agency shall~~
18 provide coverage for home telemonitoring for one condition or risk factor
19 for which it determines coverage to be cost-neutral. The Agency may
20 expand coverage to include additional conditions or risk factors identified

1 using evidence-based best practices if the expanded coverage will remain
2 cost-neutral or as funds become available.

3 (b) A home health agency or other qualified ~~providers as defined by the~~
4 Agency of Human Services provider shall ensure that clinical information
5 gathered by the home health agency or other qualified ~~providers as defined~~
6 by the Agency of Human Services provider while providing home
7 telemonitoring services is shared with the patient’s treating health care
8 professionals. The Agency of Human Services may impose other reasonable
9 requirements on the use of home telemonitoring services.

10 (c) As used in this section:

11 (1) “Home health agency” means an entity that has received a certificate
12 of need from the State to provide home health services and is certified to
13 provide services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(o).

14 (2) “Home telemonitoring service” means a health service that requires
15 scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient’s health, in
16 conjunction with a home health plan of care, and access to the data by a home
17 health agency or other qualified ~~providers~~ provider as defined by the Agency
18 of Human Services.

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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

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