Section by Section Summary of H.116 - An act relating to health care administration (as introduced)

Prepared by Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Council February 26, 2013

Sec. 1 (pp. 2-3) - Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) Regulatory and Supervision Fund

• Creates the Green Mountain Care Board Regulatory and Supervision Fund to receive GMCB's fees, assessments, fines, and administrative penalties

Sec. 2 (pp. 3-5) - Division of Health Care Administration

• Deletes references to a Division of Health Care Administration in the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR)

Sec. 3 (pp. 5-10) - Health Resource Allocation Plan (HRAP)

- Transfers responsibility for the HRAP from DFR to GMCB
- Replaces HRAP Advisory Committee with GMCB's General Advisory Committee

Sec. 4 (pp. 10-11) - Hospital community reports

• Transfers authority over hospital community reports from DFR to Department of Health

Sec. 5 (p. 12) - Temporary suspension of hospital community reports

• Allows DFR to suspend publication of hospital community reports in 2013 while authority is transitioning from DFR to Department of Health

Sec. 6 (pp. 12-20) - VHCURES

- Transfers authority over unified health care database (VHCURES) from DFR to GMCB
- Removes outdated reference to working group that advised DFR Commissioner on initial development and implementation of consumer health care price and quality information system (part of VHCURES)

Sec. 7 (pp. 20-21) - Addressing the cost-shift

• Requires GMCB to include in its annual report recommendations for ensuring that monies appropriated to address the cost shift will have the intended result

Sec. 8 (pp. 21-23) - Medicaid cost-shift reporting

Amends provision requiring annual reporting of information needed to evaluate and track
progress in reducing the cost-shift by transferring responsibility from Commissioner of
DFR and Secretary of Human Services to Chair of GMCB and Commissioner of DVHA,
and by eliminating outdated provisions

Secs. 9-10 (pp. 23-24) - Workforce planning data

- Directs Board of Medical Practice to collect data necessary for health care workforce strategic planning activities
- Directs Office of Professional Regulation, Board of Nursing, and other professional boards to collaborate with Director of Health Care Reform to collect data necessary for health care workforce strategic planning activities

Sec. 11 (pp. 24-25) - Rate review study

- Directs Chair of GMCB or designee, in consultation with DFR and other interested parties, to study Vermont's health insurance rate review laws to determine whether the process should be consolidated at one state agency and whether other amendments to the laws are appropriate
- GMCB Chair must report to House Health Care and Senate Health & Welfare by December 1, 2013

Sec. 12 (pp. 25-26) - Jurisdiction of DFR

• Eliminates references to certificates of need, hospital budget review, VHCURES, and health care funding and cost containment from statute about DFR's jurisdiction

Sec. 13 (p. 26) - Transfer of positions

- Transfers three positions from DFR to GMCB for VHCURES
- Transfers one position from DFR to the Agency of Administration
- Transfers one position from DFR to Department of Health for hospital community reports

Sec. 14 (p. 26) - Repeal

• Repeals statute creating Division of Health Care Administration within DFR

Sec. 15 (p. 27) - Effective Dates