

1 H.363

2 Introduced by Representative Poirier of Barre City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; Medicaid; prescription drugs; VPharm

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust
7 premiums in the VPharm program to be the lesser of the current premium or
8 one-third of the average benefit for each group of VPharm beneficiaries for the
9 previous calendar year.

10 An act relating to VPharm premium adjustment

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

12 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 2073(d) is amended to read:

13 (d)(1) An individual shall contribute a co-payment of \$1.00 for
14 prescriptions where the cost-sharing amount required by Medicare Part D is
15 less than \$30.00, and a co-payment of \$2.00 for prescriptions where the
16 cost-sharing amount required by Medicare Part D is \$30.00 or more. A
17 pharmacy may not refuse to dispense a prescription to an individual who does
18 not provide the co-payment.

19 (2) ~~An individual shall contribute the following base cost sharing~~
20 ~~amounts which shall be indexed to the increases established under 42 C.F.R.~~

1 ~~§ 423.104(d)(5)(iv) and then rounded to the nearest dollar amount~~ Monthly
2 premium amounts for VPharm recipients shall be as follows:

3 (A) In the case of recipients whose household income is no greater
4 than 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), ~~such~~ the monthly premium
5 shall be the lesser of:

6 (i) \$15.00 per month; or

7 (ii) one-third of the amount of the average monthly VPharm
8 benefit received by all recipients with household income up to 150 percent
9 FPL during the preceding calendar year, after subtracting all applicable
10 rebates.

11 (B) In the case of recipients whose household income is greater than
12 150 percent ~~of the federal poverty level~~ FPL and no greater than 175 percent ~~of~~
13 ~~the federal poverty level~~ FPL, the monthly premium shall be the lesser of:

14 (i) \$20.00 per month; or

15 (ii) one-third of the amount of the average monthly VPharm
16 benefit received by all recipients with household income greater than 150
17 percent FPL and no greater than 175 percent FPL during the preceding
18 calendar year, after subtracting all applicable rebates.

19 (C) In the case of recipients whose household income is greater than
20 175 percent ~~of the federal poverty level~~ FPL and no greater than 225 percent ~~of~~
21 ~~the federal poverty level~~ FPL, the monthly premium shall be the lesser of:

- 1 (i) \$50.00 per month; or
- 2 (ii) one-third of the amount of the average monthly VPharm
- 3 benefit received by all recipients with household income greater than 175
- 4 percent FPL and no greater than 225 percent FPL during the preceding
- 5 calendar year, after subtracting all applicable rebates.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.