

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 234 entitled “An act relating to Medicaid coverage for home
4 telemonitoring services” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 1901g. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HOME TELEMONTORING

9 SERVICES

10 (a) The Agency of Human Service shall provide Medicaid coverage for
11 home telemonitoring services performed by home health agencies for Medicaid
12 beneficiaries who have serious or chronic medical conditions that can result in
13 frequent or recurrent hospitalizations and emergency room admissions. The
14 Agency shall use evidence-based best practices to determine the conditions or
15 risk factors to be covered.

16 (b) A home health agency shall ensure that clinical information gathered by
17 the home health agency while providing home telemonitoring services is
18 shared with the patient’s treating health care professionals. The Agency of
19 Human Services may impose other reasonable requirements on the use of
20 home telemonitoring services.

1 (c) As used in this section:

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

5 (2) “Home telemonitoring service” means a health service that requires
6 scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient’s health, in
7 conjunction with a home health plan of care, and access to the data by a home
8 health agency.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE