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2 Introduced by Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Huntley of  
3 Cavendish

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; professions and occupations; Medicaid; licensed alcohol and  
7 drug abuse counselors

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow licensed  
9 alcohol and drug abuse counselors who are in private practice to participate  
10 in Medicaid.

11 An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as  
12 participating providers in Medicaid

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

14 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 3242 is added to read:

15 § 3242. MEDICAID PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

16 The Department of Vermont Health Access shall grant authorization to a  
17 licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor to participate as a Medicaid  
18 provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services to Medicaid  
19 beneficiaries, regardless of whether the counselor is a preferred provider.

1 ~~Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

2 ~~This act shall take effect on October 1, 2015.~~

*Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 3242 is added to read:*

§ 3242. MEDICAID PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

*(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall grant authorization to a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor acting within the scope of his or her practice to participate as a Medicaid provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services to Medicaid beneficiaries consistent with federal law, regardless of whether the counselor is a preferred provider.*

*(b) The Department shall amend Vermont's Medicaid State Plan as necessary to comply with subsection (a) of this section.*

*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on October 1, 2015.*

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