

1 H.682

2 Introduced by Representatives Dame of Essex and Fagan of Rutland City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; Medicaid; Medicare; dual eligible; Medicare
6 supplemental insurance

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Department of Vermont Health Access to study the potential for savings if the
9 State purchases Medicare supplemental plans for individuals who are eligible
10 for both Medicare and Medicaid.

11 An act relating to Medicare supplemental plans for dual eligible Medicaid
12 beneficiaries

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

14 Sec. 1. MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR DUAL ELIGIBLE

15 MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

16 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall explore the use of
17 State or Global Commitment funds to purchase Medicare supplemental
18 insurance plans for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid,
19 including:

20 (1) the feasibility of federal financial participation;

1 (2) the estimated savings to the State with and without federal financial
2 participation; and

3 (3) a comparison of the benefits of providing Medicare supplemental
4 plans to the entire population of dual eligible individuals and of providing the
5 plans to only a subset of the highest utilizers of all or a specific set of services.

6 (b) On or before November 1, 2016, the Department shall report its
7 findings and recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Health
8 Reform Oversight Committee. In addition, if the Department determines that
9 savings can be achieved, the Department shall propose as part of its
10 recommendations for the fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment a plan for
11 implementing the purchase of Medicare supplemental insurance plans for
12 individuals who are dual eligible in a manner that is the most cost-effective to
13 the State and that provides the greatest benefits to the dual eligible population.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.