

Amendment to be offered by Rep. Dame of Essex to H. 875

That the bill be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. E.307.1 to read as follows:

**Sec. E.307.1 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR DUAL
ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES**

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall explore the use of State or Global Commitment funds to purchase Medicare supplemental insurance plans for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, including the feasibility of federal financial participation, the estimated savings to the State with and without federal financial participation, and the benefits both of providing Medicare supplemental plans to the entire population of dual eligible individuals and of providing the plans to only a subset of the highest utilizers of all or a specific set of services.

(b) If the Department determines that savings can be achieved, then as part of its recommendations for fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment, the Department shall propose a plan for implementing the purchase of Medicare supplemental insurance plans for the dual eligibles in a manner that is the most cost-effective for the State and that provides the greatest benefits for the dual eligible population.