

Governor's Health Care Reform Bill Section by Section Summary

Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB)

Sections 1- 4: Gives the GMCB the authority to conduct investigations or hearings. Makes clear that the GMCB's authority does not supersede DFR's authority when regulating insurers. Outlines the hearing process, including notice provisions, pleadings, and appeal standard.

Section 5: Requires the GMCB to review and approve the connectivity criteria which ensures that health care provider's electronic medical records are compatible with the health information exchange and to review and approve VITL's core activities and budget.

Section 6: Requires the GMCB to investigate public utility models for health care reimbursement in Vermont by 1/1/16 and report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the Governor with its findings and recommendations by 1/1/17.

Section 7: Requires the GMCB to establish provider payment amounts and methods that promote cost-containment and high-quality, evidence-based care by 1/1/17.

Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL)

Section 8: Specifies length of term for VITL board members and make-up of the board.

Section 9: Adds that the GMCB must approve of VITL's core activities before the Secretary of Administration enters into procurement grant agreements. Also adds that the Secretary of Administration can request DII to review VITL's technology for security, privacy, and other technical issues.

Waivers

Section 10: Requires AoA, AHS, and GMCB to provide status reports to the Joint Committee on Health Reform Oversight on any activities relating to the All-Payer Waiver or Medicaid Waivers.

Cost Sharing Financial Assistance for Individuals

Section 11: Increases cost sharing assistance for calendar year 2016 plans for individuals with incomes between:

- 200-250% FPL (family of 4 approx. \$48,000 to \$60,000) from 77% AV to a gold plan at 83% AV
- 250-300% FPL (family of 4 approx \$60,000 to \$72,000) from 73% AV to a silver+ plan at 79% AV

Extension of Medical Malpractice Reforms

Section 12: Extends mediation prior to filing a complaint of malpractice in the courts from February 1, 2015 to July 1, 2018 to allow for more time to evaluate reform.