

(c) Each ambulance agency shall remit its assessment to the Department according to a schedule adopted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may permit variations in the schedule of payment as deemed necessary.

(d) Any ambulance agency that fails to make a payment to the Department on or before the specified schedule, or under any schedule of delayed payments established by the Commissioner, shall be assessed not more than \$1,000.00. The Commissioner may waive the late-payment assessment provided in this subsection for good cause shown by the ambulance agency.

Sec. 26c. AMBULANCE PROVIDER TAX; INTENT

In establishing a provider tax on ambulance agencies, it is the intent of the General Assembly to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to these providers while ensuring full compliance with 42 C.F.R. 433.68.

Second: In Sec. 33, effective dates, in subdivision (2), preceding “27 (fuel gross receipts tax)”, by inserting 26a–26c (ambulance provider tax).

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Eastman of Orwell, Browning of Arlington, Greshin of Warren, and Olsen of Londonderry to H. 873

That the bill be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 25a to read as follows:

Sec. 25a. 21 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

§ 2002. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Employee” means ~~an individual~~ a Vermont resident over the age of majority employed full-time or part-time by an employer to perform services in this State.

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(5) “Uncovered employee” means:

(A) an employee ~~of~~ who works for an employer who ~~that~~ does not offer to pay any part of the cost of health care coverage for its employees and who:

(i) is enrolled in Medicaid;

(ii) has no other health care coverage under either a private or public plan except Medicaid; or

(iii) has purchased non-employer sponsored health insurance coverage through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange;

(B) an employee who is not eligible for health care coverage offered by an employer to any other employees and who:

(i) is enrolled in Medicaid;

(ii) has no other health care coverage under either a private or public plan except Medicaid; or

(iii) has purchased non-employer sponsored health insurance coverage through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; or

(C) an employee who is offered and is eligible for coverage by the employer but elects not to accept the coverage and who:

(i) is enrolled in Medicaid;

(ii) has no other health care coverage under either a private or public plan except Medicaid; or

(iii) has purchased non-employer sponsored health insurance coverage ~~as an individual~~ through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.

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(7) “Vermont resident” means an individual domiciled in Vermont as evidenced by an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in Vermont indefinitely and to return to Vermont if temporarily absent, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent.

Amendment to be offered by Rep. Ancel of Calais to H. 873

That the bill be amended in Sec. 26, 21 V.S.A. § 2003, in subdivision (1)(A), by striking out the word “three” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “four”

Favorable with Amendment

H. 620

An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for contraceptives

Rep. Morris of Bennington, for the Committee on **Health Care**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following: