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Administration Proposal on S.135 Finance Amendment 4.4

Sec. 22 – revert 18 VSA 9414(a)(1) to current law. Keep remaining revisions in this section.

Sec. 29. SUSPENSION; PROHIBITION ON MODIFICATION OF
UNIFORM FORMS

The Department of Financial Regulation shall not modify the existing common forms, procedures, and rules based on 18 V.S.A. §§ 9408, 9408a(b), 9408a(e), and 9418(f) prior to January 1, 2017. The Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation may review and examine, in response to a complaint, a managed care organization’s administrative policies and procedures, quality management and improvement procedures, credentialing practices, members’ rights and responsibilities, preventative health services, medical records practices, member services, financial incentives or disincentives, disenrollment, provider contracting, and systems and data reporting capacities described in 18 V.S.A. 9414(a)(1).

Sec. 30. UNIFORM FORMS; EVALUATION

(a) The Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Administration, in collaboration with the Green Mountain Care Board and the Department of Financial Regulation, shall evaluate:

(1) the necessity of maintaining provisions regarding common claims forms and procedures, uniform provider credentialing, and suspension of interest accrual for failure to pay claims if the failure was not within the insurer’s control, as those provisions are codified in 18 V.S.A. §§ 9408, 9408a(b), 9408(e), and 9418(f);

(2) the necessity of maintaining provisions requiring the Commissioner to review and examine a managed care organization’s administrative policies, procedures, and performance, quality management and improvement procedures, credentialing practices, members’ rights and responsibilities, preventative health services, medical records practices, member services,

financial incentives or disincentives, disenrollment, provider contracting, and systems and data reporting capacities, as those provisions are codified in 18 V.S.A. § 9414(a)(1);

(3) the appropriate entity to assume responsibility for any such functions which should be retained and the appropriate enforcement process.

(b) In performing the evaluation in subsection (a), the Director of Health Care Reform shall regularly consult with interested stakeholders, including health insurers and managed care organizations as defined by 18 V.S.A. 9402, providers, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate.

(c) On or before December 15, 2015, the Director shall provide his or her findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Health Care, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.