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**Act No. 25 (H.507). Health; health care reform; Department of Vermont Health Access; Green Mountain Care Board; Medicaid; accountable care organizations**

**An act relating to Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project reporting requirements**

This act requires the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) to provide written updates to the General Assembly by June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2017 on implementation of the Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project and to testify on the pilot at meetings of the Health Reform Oversight Committee. It requires the Green Mountain Care Board to provide written updates to the General Assembly by the same dates on the Board's progress in meeting benchmarks for implementing the all-payer model and the Board's preparations for regulating accountable care organizations.

The act extends for two years the deadline for the Administration to apply for a federal waiver of certain Exchange plan requirements as they relate to bronze plans. It also extends through the 2019 plan year the authority for Exchange plan carriers to offer one or more bronze plans with a higher out-of-pocket prescription drug limit than the limit in Vermont law. And it extends the duration of an advisory group on bronze plan options through the 2019 plan year and directs the group to look at whether there is a need for flexibility in bronze plan design after plan year 2019 and, if so, to recommend options for providing flexibility while still offering protection from high out-of-pocket prescription drug costs.

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