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Act No. 116 (S.282). Health; Medicaid; health care providers

An act relating to health care providers participating in Vermont's Medicaid program

This act requires that, by July 1, 2019, the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) must be completing the screening and enrollment process for an applicant to be a Medicaid participating provider within 60 days after receiving the provider's completed application. If DVHA will be unable to meet the 60-day time frame requirement by July 1, 2019, the Commissioner of DVHA must convene a meeting of interested stakeholders by February 1, 2019 to provide them with an update on the status of DVHA's screening and enrollment efforts. The act also requires DVHA to consult with Medicaid participating providers to identify their main concerns about the Medicaid program and its administration. It directs DVHA to consult with the Attorney General's Office in evaluating its implementation of State and federal Medicaid fraud and abuse provisions and to assess the feasibility of creating an exception to recoupment in some instances. DVHA must convene a meeting of interested stakeholders by December 15, 2018 to provide them with a summary of DVHA's responses to provider concerns and of DVHA's findings regarding the potential for changes to the Medicaid fraud and abuse statutes and for creating exceptions to recoupment.

Effective Date: May 1, 2018