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Act No. 138 (H.404). Health; Medicaid; contraceptives; long-acting reversible contraceptives

An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraceptives

This act requires the Department of Vermont Health Access to reimburse health care providers for the full cost of a device providing long-acting reversible contraception when the device is inserted during a Medicaid beneficiary's postpartum hospital stay. It also directs health insurers that offer plans through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to determine how to provide coverage for over-the-counter oral and emergency contraceptives in their health insurance plans without requiring a prescription or imposing cost-sharing requirements. Each insurer must report to the legislative committees of jurisdiction by January 15, 2019 regarding how it could provide coverage for over-the-counter oral and emergency contraceptives without requiring a prescription and without imposing cost-sharing, any estimated impact of such coverage on health insurance premiums, and whether the insurer intends to add the benefit to any or all of its plans.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 21, 2018