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

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 2, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN OVER-THE-COUNTER

CONTRACEPTIVES; REPORT

(a) Each health insurer offering qualified health benefit plans through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange shall, in consultation with its pharmacy benefit manager, if any, determine how to provide coverage for over-the-counter oral contraceptives and over-the-counter emergency contraceptives in its Exchange and non-Exchange plans without requiring a prescription and without imposing cost-sharing requirements.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, each health insurer shall report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance on how it could provide coverage for over-the-counter oral and emergency contraceptives in its health insurance plans without a prescription or cost-sharing, including any estimated impact on health insurance premiums, and whether the insurer intends to add this benefit to any or all of its health insurance plans.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 1 (Medicaid reimbursement) shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(b) Sec. 2 (over-the-counter contraceptives) and this section shall take effect on passage.