

S.282

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

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) In the event that the Department of Vermont Health Access will be unable to meet the 60-day time frame required by subsection (a) of this section by July 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall convene a meeting of interested stakeholders, including organizations representing health care providers and health care facilities, on or before February 1, 2019, to provide an update regarding the status of the Department's provider screening and enrollment efforts, including identifying the remaining barriers and any additional resources needed for the Department to be able to process applications within 60 days following receipt and providing an alternative date by which the Department expects to begin meeting the 60-day time frame requirement.

Second: In Sec. 2, Medicaid participating provider concerns; report, by striking out “; REPORT” in the section heading and by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) On or before December 15, 2018, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall convene a meeting of interested stakeholders to provide a summary of the Department's responses to participating providers' concerns regarding the Medicaid program and its administration and of the Department's findings regarding the potential for making changes to the Medicaid fraud and abuse statutes and for creating an exception to recoupment as described in subsection (a) of this section.