

1 Introduced by Committee on Health Care

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Health; Department of Vermont Health Access; accountable care  
5 organizations

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to <Purpose>

7 An act relating to <Title>

8 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

9 Sec. 1. NEXT GENERATION MEDICAID ACO PILOT PROJECT

10 REPORTS

11 (a) On or before June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2018, the  
12 Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide to the House Committees  
13 on Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care, the Senate  
14 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the Health Reform  
15 Oversight Committee, the Green Mountain Care Board, and the Office of the  
16 Health Care Advocate written updates on the implementation of the Next  
17 Generation Medicaid ACO pilot. The updates shall include the following  
18 information:

19 (1) the amount of Medicaid funds provided by the Department to the  
20 accountable care organization in each of the three months preceding the month

1 of the report; the June report shall also include the amounts for January and  
2 February 2018 and the total amount of Medicaid funds provided since the  
3 beginning of the pilot;

4 (2) the amount of funds expended by the accountable care organization  
5 on behalf of attributed Medicaid beneficiaries in each of the three months  
6 preceding the month of the report; the June report shall also include the  
7 amounts for January and February 2018 and the total amount of funds  
8 expended on behalf of attributed Medicaid beneficiaries since the beginning of  
9 the pilot;

10 (3) the extent to which the accountable care organization has met the  
11 quality indicators specified in the Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project  
12 agreement signed on February 1, 2017, using both annual data and quarterly  
13 data for those indicators for which quarterly data is available;

14 (4) the extent to which the Department and the accountable care  
15 organization have met the reporting benchmarks identified in the Department's  
16 Next Generation Medicaid ACO Year 1 (2017) Operational Timeline;

17 (5) to the extent data is available, a comparison of:

18 (A) utilization of health care services by service category and by care  
19 management level for the Medicaid population attributed to the ACO during  
20 the second year of the pilot with the utilization of services for the same  
21 population in prior years; and

1           (B) utilization of health care services by service category and by care  
2           management level for the Medicaid population attributed to the ACO during  
3           the second year of the pilot with the utilization of services for Medicaid  
4           beneficiaries not attributed to the ACO;

5           (6) statistical information regarding the numbers and topics of patient  
6           and provider complaints, grievances, and appeals for attributed Medicaid  
7           beneficiaries and participating providers, as well as any available information  
8           regarding patient and provider satisfaction with the pilot;

9           (7) current information on the size of the participating provider network  
10           since the beginning of the pilot and since the previous report; and

11           (8) any change in the size of the Medicaid population attributed to the  
12           ACO since the beginning of the pilot and since the previous report.

13           (b) In addition to the written updates required by subsection (a) of this  
14           section, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide testimony on  
15           implementation of the Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project at a  
16           meeting of the Health Reform Oversight Committee at least once every two  
17           months or more frequently if so requested by the Committee. The testimony  
18           shall include the information specified in subsection (a) of this section, as well  
19           as any other information the Department deems relevant to the Committee's  
20           oversight of the pilot project in 2018 after adjournment of the General  
21           Assembly. The Committee shall also provide an opportunity for the Office of

1 the Health Care Advocate to testify at the same meetings as the Department  
2 regarding issues related to the pilot project, including information on  
3 complaints, grievances, and appeals reported to or requiring investigation or  
4 other action by the Office.

5 Sec. 2. ALL-PAYER MODEL AND ACCOUNTABLE CARE

6 ORGANIZATION REPORTS

7 On or before June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2018, the Green  
8 Mountain Care Board shall provide to the House Committees on  
9 Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care, the Senate  
10 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the Health Reform  
11 Oversight Committee, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate written  
12 updates on the Board's progress in meeting the benchmarks identified in the  
13 Board's Year 1 (2018) All-Payer ACO Model Timeline regarding  
14 implementation of the All-Payer Model and the Board's regulation of  
15 accountable care organizations.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.