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Subject: S.225

Dear Chairman Lippert and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont supports the passage of S.225 An act relating to pilot programs for coverage by commercial health insurers of costs associated with medication-assisted treatment as passed the Senate.

This legislation will allow BCBSVT to collaborate with the Vermont Department of Health Access (DVHA) to design a payment model for services received through the "Spokes." There are many considerations in the design including alignment with Medicaid, integration with the accountable care organization, support the providers in offering effective opioid treatment programs, and best serve the needs of our members.

Work has already begun between the parties to initiate this project.

Thank you, Sara

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