

1 H.625

2 Introduced by Representative Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; Medicaid; genetic testing; chromosomal
6 microarray analysis

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require health
8 insurance and Medicaid to cover genetic testing using chromosomal
9 microarray analysis without prior authorization in certain circumstances.

10 An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for chromosomal
11 microarray analysis

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

13 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4099e is added to read:

14 § 4099e. GENETIC TESTING; CHROMOSOMAL MICROARRAY

15 ANALYSIS

16 (a) As used in this section, “health insurance plan” means any individual or
17 group health insurance policy, any hospital or medical service corporation or
18 health maintenance organization subscriber contract, or any other health
19 benefit plan offered, issued, or renewed for any person in this State by a health
20 insurer, as defined by 18 V.S.A. § 9402. The term shall not include benefit

1 plans providing coverage for a specific disease or other limited benefit
2 coverage.

3 (b) As part of the maternity care benefit, a health insurance plan shall
4 provide coverage without prior authorization for genetic testing using
5 chromosomal microarray analysis when ordered by a health care provider
6 under any of the following circumstances:

7 (1) to detect fetal malformation at any time during pregnancy;

8 (2) following a fetal loss during the second trimester of pregnancy; or

9 (3) following a stillbirth during the third trimester of pregnancy.

10 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1901k is added to read:

11 § 1901k. GENETIC TESTING; CHROMOSOMAL MICROARRAY

12 ANALYSIS

13 The Agency of Human Services shall provide Medicaid coverage without
14 prior authorization for genetic testing using chromosomal microarray analysis
15 when ordered by a health care provider for a Medicaid beneficiary under any
16 of the following circumstances:

17 (1) to detect fetal malformation at any time during pregnancy;

18 (2) following a fetal loss during the second trimester of pregnancy; or

19 (3) following a stillbirth during the third trimester of pregnancy.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) Sec. 1 (8 V.S.A. § 4099e) shall take effect on January 1, 2021 and shall
3 apply to health insurance plans issued on and after January 1, 2021 on such
4 date as a health insurer offers, issues, or renews the plan, but in no event later
5 than January 1, 2022.

6 (b) Sec. 2 (33 V.S.A. § 1901k) and this section shall take effect on July 1,
7 2020.