

1 H.727

2 Introduced by Representative Ode of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; physical therapists; reimbursement amounts

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require health  
7 insurance plans to reimburse physical therapists the same amounts for their  
8 professional services regardless of the setting in which the services were  
9 provided.

10 An act relating to site-neutral reimbursement for physical therapists

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

12 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4088I is added to read:

13 § 4088I. SITE-NEUTRAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHYSICAL

14 THERAPISTS

15 (a) As used in this section:

16 (1) “Health insurance plan” means an individual or group health  
17 insurance policy, a hospital or medical service corporation or health  
18 maintenance organization subscriber contract, or another health benefit plan  
19 offered, issued, or renewed for a person in this State by a health insurer. The

1 term does not include benefit plans providing coverage for a specific disease or  
2 other limited benefit coverage.

3 (2) "Health insurer" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9402.

4 (b) A health insurance plan shall provide the same reimbursement amounts  
5 to licensed physical therapists for physical therapy services associated with the  
6 same billing codes regardless of the setting in which the physical therapy  
7 services were provided.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021 and shall apply to all health  
10 insurance plans issued on and after January 1, 2021 on such date as a health  
11 insurer offers, issues, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later  
12 than January 1, 2022.