

Senate proposal of amendment to House proposal of amendment

S. 73

An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers

The Senate concurs in the House proposal of amendment with the following proposals of amendment thereto:

First: By striking out Sec. 4, 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b), in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER DATA; GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; REPORTS

(a) For the period from the effective date of this act through the end of calendar year 2022, the Green Mountain Care Board shall obtain and review annualized data from ambulatory surgical centers licensed pursuant to chapter 49 of this title, which shall include net patient revenues and which may include data on an ambulatory surgical center's scope of services, volume, payer mix, and coordination with other aspects of the health care system. The Board's processes shall be appropriate to ambulatory surgical centers' scale, their role in Vermont's health care system, and their administrative capacity, and the Board shall seek to minimize the administrative burden of data collection on ambulatory surgical centers. The Board shall also consider ways in which ambulatory surgical centers can be integrated into systemwide payment and delivery system reform.

(b) In its annual reports pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9375(d) for 2021, 2022, and 2023, the Green Mountain Care Board shall describe its oversight of ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for the most recently concluded 12-month period of the Board's review, including the amount of each ambulatory surgical center's net patient revenues and, using claims data from the Vermont Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES), information regarding high-volume outpatient surgeries and procedures performed in ambulatory surgical center and hospital settings in Vermont, any changes in utilization over time, and a comparison of the commercial insurance rates paid for the same surgeries and procedures performed in ambulatory surgical centers and in hospitals in Vermont.

Second: In Sec. 6, effective dates, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Secs. 3a (18 V.S.A. § 9373) and 4 (ambulatory surgical center data; Green Mountain Care Board; reports) and this section shall take effect on passage.