

## S.7 — An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system

### *House Human Services Amendment*

**First Instance of Amendment** — the HHS added the phrase “...including future plans for the integration of long-term care services with the accountable care organization” in Section 1(a)(1).

We understand that there is some concern on the part of advocates that this language presupposes that long term care services *will be* integrated into the ACO. We disagree with that assertion. Our aim is to determine *whether or not* there are plans to potentially include long term care services at some point in the future. Our committee would like to get out in front of any potential major changes that may or may not be contemplated in the future given the vulnerable nature of these individuals, and having as much information as possible will enable that to happen.

**Second Instance of Amendment** — the HHS deleted Section 4. HHS appreciated the additional responsibility added to the Director of Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development enacted last year in S.261 (Act 204). HHS believes that addition along with the ongoing work of the new position, captures the intent of Section 4 without need for an additional report. Perhaps a joint memo from the Chairs of HHS and SH&W to the Director of Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development to emphasize the need to assess the effectiveness of embedding a social service provider in pediatric primary care providers and sustaining a high quality home visiting program could be sent.