

6. * * * Access to Health Care Services and Human Services * * *

7. Sec. 13. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES; DEPARTMENT OF

8. FINANCIAL REGULATION; EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

1. It is the intent of the General Assembly to increase Vermonters' access to
2. medically necessary health care services during a declared state of emergency
3. in Vermont as a result of COVID-19. During such a declared state of
4. emergency, the Department of Financial Regulation shall ~~may~~ adopt emergency
5. rules to address the following **for the duration of the state of emergency** :
6. (1) expanding health insurance coverage for, and waiving or limiting
7. cost-sharing requirements directly related to, COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment,
8. and prevention;
9. (2) modifying or suspending health insurance plan deductible
10. requirements for all prescription drugs, except to the extent that such an action
11. would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health
12. savings account pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 223; and

(3) expanding patients' access to and providers' reimbursement for health care services delivered remotely, including preventive services, consultation services, services to new patients and services delivered through such as by audio-only telephone; this includes telemedicine, telehealth and brief telecommunication services.