

1 S.247

2 Introduced by Senators Pearson, Ashe, Lyons and Sirotkin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; Green Mountain Care Board; hospitals; prescription drugs;  
6 340B drug pricing

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require  
8 hospitals to report to the Green Mountain Care Board, as part of their budget  
9 filings, the amount of savings they realized through 340B drug pricing and  
10 how they used those savings. It would also direct the Agency of Human  
11 Services to recommend modifications to Vermont Medicaid's 340B policies.

12 An act relating to hospital use of savings from 340B drug pricing

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

14 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9454 is amended to read:

15 § 9454. HOSPITALS; DUTIES

16 (a) Hospitals shall file the following information at the time and place and  
17 in the manner established by the Board:

18 (1) a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year;

1           (2) financial information, including costs of operation, revenues, assets,  
2           liabilities, fund balances, other income, rates, charges, units of services, and  
3           wage and salary data;

4           (3) scope-of-service and volume-of-service information, including  
5           inpatient services, outpatient services, and ancillary services by type of service  
6           provided;

7           (4) utilization information;

8           (5) the total amount of savings realized during the reporting period from  
9           340B drug pricing and how the hospital used or plans to use those savings;

10          (6) new hospital services and programs proposed for the forthcoming  
11          fiscal year;

12          ~~(6)~~(7) known depreciation schedules on existing buildings, a four-year  
13          capital expenditure projection, and a one-year capital expenditure plan; and

14          ~~(7)~~(8) such other information as the Board may require.

15          (b) Hospitals shall adopt a fiscal year ~~which~~ that shall begin on October 1.

16          Sec. 2. MEDICAID 340B POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS; REPORT

17          The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with interested  
18          stakeholders, shall recommend modifications to Vermont Medicaid's 340B  
19          drug pricing policies to improve the efficiency, accountability, and cost-  
20          effectiveness of the program. On or before November 15, 2020, the Agency  
21          shall report its recommendations to the House Committees on Health Care and

1 on Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Finance,  
2 and on Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 (a) Sec. 1 (18 V.S.A. § 9454) shall take effect on passage and shall apply  
5 beginning with hospital budget filings for hospital fiscal year 2021.

6 (b) Secs. 2 (Medicaid 340B policy recommendations; report) and this  
7 section shall take effect on passage.