

S.31 – Health care price transparency language for Committee discussion

Sec. 1. PRICE TRANSPARENCY; VHCURES; BILLING PROCESSES; REPORT

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall determine whether, how, and at what cost claims information from the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES) could be used to determine the actual amounts paid for hospital services delivered in Vermont and how that information could be made readily available to consumers of health care services in this State to help inform their health care decision making.

(b) The Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall develop simplified financial procedures for health care services that will coordinate processes between hospitals and payers without requiring the patient's involvement and will provide patients who receive hospital services with a single, comprehensive bill that reflects the patient's entire, actual financial obligation.

(c) On or before November 15, 2019, the Green Mountain Care Board shall provide its findings and recommendations pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section to the House Committee on Health Care, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.