

May 5, 2022

Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Re: Support for Safety and Quality in Brown Bagging and White Bagging

Dear Committee:

The Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems asks for your support for Section 4(d)(3) & (4) prohibiting insurers from requiring “brown bagging” and “white bagging.”

As you heard in testimony, requiring third-party pharmacies to deliver complex and sensitive medication to be administered in a health facility can result in misplacement of the medication, improper storage, and improper dosage. This leads to delays in care and increased liability that ultimately drives up costs in the health care system.

If you are going to convert Section 4 into a study, we urge you separate out Section 4(d)(3) & (4) from the study and support its passage to ensure safer, higher quality care for Vermonters.

Sincerely,



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