

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill  
3 No. 430 entitled “An act relating to expanding eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur to  
4 all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration  
5 status” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends  
6 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all  
7 after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 9 is added to read:

9 Subchapter 9. Coverage for Additional Populations

10 § 2091. DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE COVERAGE; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

11 In establishing Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for children and pregnant  
12 individuals who are not eligible for the Dr. Dynasaur program because of their  
13 immigration status, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the hospital,  
14 medical, dental, and prescription drug benefits and eligibility criteria for the  
15 coverage set forth in section 2092 of this chapter should align to the greatest  
16 extent practicable with the benefits and eligibility criteria of the Dr. Dynasaur  
17 program.

1     § 2092. DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN VERMONT  
2             RESIDENTS

3             (a) As used in this section, the term “Vermont residents who have an  
4             immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available” includes  
5             migrant workers who are employed in seasonal occupations in this State.

6             (b) The Agency of Human Services shall provide hospital, medical, dental,  
7             and prescription drug coverage equivalent to coverage in the Vermont  
8             Medicaid State Plan to the following categories of Vermont residents who have  
9             an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available and who  
10            are otherwise uninsured:

11            (1) children under 19 years of age whose household income does not  
12            exceed the income threshold for eligibility under the Vermont Medicaid State  
13            Plan; and

14            (2) pregnant individuals whose household income does not exceed the  
15            income threshold for eligibility under the Vermont Medicaid State Plan, for  
16            coverage during their pregnancy and for postpartum coverage equivalent to  
17            that available under the Vermont Medicaid State Plan.

18            (c) The confidentiality provisions set forth in section 1902a of this chapter  
19            shall apply to all applications submitted and records created pursuant to this  
20            section, except that the Agency of Human Services shall not make any

1 information regarding applicants or enrollees available to the United States  
2 government.

3 (d) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules in accordance with 3  
4 V.S.A. chapter 25 to carry out the purposes of this section.

5 Sec. 2. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; OUTREACH AND PROVIDER  
6 GRANTS; IMPLEMENTATION; APPROPRIATION

7 The sum of \$1,400,000.00 in one-time funds is appropriated to the Agency  
8 of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 to be used for the following purposes:

9 (1) Grants or reimbursements, or both, to health care providers for  
10 delivering health care services during fiscal year 2022 to children and pregnant  
11 individuals who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is  
12 not available.

13 (2) Grants to Vermont organizations that work with members of  
14 Vermont's undocumented immigrant community or with members of the  
15 health care provider community to provide culturally and linguistically  
16 appropriate outreach and information regarding opportunities for children and  
17 pregnant individuals in Vermont who have an immigration status for which  
18 Medicaid coverage is not available to access health care services at low or no  
19 cost in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter. The outreach and information shall  
20 include information on the confidentiality of records pertaining to applicants  
21 and enrollees.

1           (3) Implementing the technological and operational processes necessary  
2           for the Department of Vermont Health Access to administer the coverage for  
3           Vermont residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid  
4           coverage is not available as set forth in 33 V.S.A. § 2092 beginning on July 1,  
5           2022.

6           Sec. 3. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE  
7                           COVERAGE; FISCAL YEAR 2023 ESTIMATE

8           The Agency of Human Services shall provide information on the estimated  
9           fiscal year 2023 costs of providing coverage to Vermont residents who have an  
10           immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available pursuant to  
11           33 V.S.A. § 2092 beginning on July 1, 2022 as part of the Agency’s fiscal year  
12           2023 budget presentation to the House Committees on Appropriations and on  
13           Health Care and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and  
14           Welfare.

15           Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

16           (a) Sec. 2 (Agency of Human Services; outreach and provider grants;  
17           implementation; appropriation) shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

18           (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on passage, with the Agency of  
19           Human Services making coverage available to Vermont residents who have an  
20           immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available in accordance

1 with Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 2092) beginning on July 1, 2022, subject to fiscal  
2 year 2023 appropriations for this purpose.

3 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act  
4 relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible  
5 children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status”

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