

**New potential H.430 Sec. 1 language (and conforming revisions)**

Sec. 1. **(replaces existing Sec. 1)** 33 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 9 is added to read:

Subchapter 9. Coverage for Additional Populations

§ 2091. DR. DYNASAUR-LIKE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN VERMONT

RESIDENTS

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

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

(1) children under 19 years of age whose household income does not exceed 317 percent of the federal poverty level; and

(2) pregnant individuals whose household income does not exceed 213 percent of the federal poverty level, for coverage during their pregnancy and for 60 days postpartum.

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

Sec. 2. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; OUTREACH AND PROVIDER

GRANTS; IMPLEMENTATION; APPROPRIATION

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

(1) grants or reimbursements, or both, to health care providers for delivering health care services during fiscal year 2022 to children and pregnant individuals who **are undocumented immigrants have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available;**

(2) grants to Vermont organizations that work with members of Vermont’s undocumented immigrant community or with members of the health care provider community to provide outreach and information regarding opportunities for children and pregnant individuals in Vermont who **are undocumented immigrants have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available** to access health care services at low or no cost in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter; and

(3) implementing the technological and operational processes necessary for the Department of Vermont Health Access to administer the **Dr. Dynasaur expansion coverage for Vermont residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available** as set forth in 33 V.S.A. § **1901e 2091** beginning on July 1, 2022.

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

The Agency of Human Services shall provide information on the estimated fiscal year 2023 costs of **expanding Dr. Dynasaur eligibility to undocumented immigrants pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1901e providing coverage to Vermont residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2091** beginning on July 1, 2022 as part of the Agency’s fiscal year 2023

budget presentation to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

(b) The remaining sections shall take effect on passage, with the Agency of Human Services making coverage available to ~~eligible undocumented immigrants under Dr. Dynasaur~~ **Vermont residents who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available** in accordance with Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § ~~1901e~~ **2091**) beginning on July 1, 2022, subject to fiscal year 2023 appropriations for this purpose.

and rename the bill to be “An act relating to expanding eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage to all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status”