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Introduced by Representatives Wood of Waterbury and McFaun of Barre

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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; developmental disabilities; payment reform;

conflict-free case management

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to replace legislative approval with legislative oversight for changes to developmental disability services policies related to payment reform and conflict-free case management.

An act relating to legislative oversight of payment reform and conflict-free case management for developmental disability services

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

Sec. 1. PAYMENT REFORM AND CONFLICT-FREE CASE

MANAGEMENT; LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

(a) At a minimum, the following shall be included in the payment reform process impacting individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and designated and specialized service agencies:

1 (1) in addition to any standardized assessment utilized by the
2 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, a process for
3 consideration of additional information relevant to the life circumstances of
4 service recipients or applicants;

5 (2) in addition to any standardized rates or rate ranges developed by the
6 Department, a process for consideration of budgets to reflect the individualized
7 support needs of service recipients or applicants; and

8 (3) a process for evaluating the fiscal and service impact on individual
9 service recipients and the designated and specialized service agencies.

10 (b)(1) Prior to implementing the federally required conflict-free case
11 management system, the Department shall seek and consider input from a
12 variety of stakeholders, including individuals with developmental disabilities,
13 their families, designated and specialized service agencies, and other providers
14 and advocates.

15 (2) As part of the changes necessary to come into federal compliance,
16 consideration shall be given to performing initial clinical eligibility and service
17 planning within the Department.

18 (c) On or before February 1, 2023, the Department shall present any
19 proposed policy changes related to payment reform and conflict-free case
20 management to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate

1 Committee on Health and Welfare and seek and consider input from the
2 Committees.

3 Sec. 2. REPEAL

4 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186, Sec. 6 (payment reform and conflict-free
5 case management) is repealed.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.