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Introduced by Representatives Bartley of Fairfax, Andrews of Westford,  
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Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Burrows of West Windsor,  
Carroll of Bennington, Demar of Enosburgh, Dodge of Essex,  
Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Galfetti of Barre  
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of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Krasnow of South Burlington,  
Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, LaMont of  
Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, Mulvaney-Stanak of  
Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Parsons of  
Newbury, Roberts of Halifax, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of  
Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Toof of St. Albans Town, and  
Williams of Granby

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health care; Medicaid; breast pumps

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that  
Medicaid cover breast pumps prior to the birth of the child and cover at least  
one breast pump per child.

1 An act relating to Medicaid and breast pumps

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

3 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 19011 is added to read:

4 § 19011. COVERAGE OF BREAST PUMPS

5 The Agency of Human Services shall provide Medicaid coverage for one  
6 breast pump per child of a Medicaid beneficiary. A pregnant Medicaid  
7 beneficiary may choose to order and receive the breast pump for the  
8 beneficiary's child prior to the birth of the child, but not before the Medicaid  
9 beneficiary has reached 27 weeks of pregnancy.

10 Sec. 2. COVERAGE FOR BREAST PUMPS; MEDICAID STATE PLAN  
11 AMENDMENT

12 On or before September 1, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall  
13 request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, if  
14 needed, to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan to include coverage for breast  
15 pumps as set forth in Sec. 1 of this act.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

17 (a) Sec. 1 (33 V.S.A. § 19011) shall take effect upon approval by the  
18 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of Vermont's request to  
19 provide coverage of breast pumps as set forth in that section, or upon July 1,  
20 2023 if CMS approval is not required.

- 1        (b) Sec. 2 (coverage for breast pumps; Medicaid state plan amendment) and
- 2        this section shall take effect on passage.