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Act No. 14 (H.13). An act relating to Medicaid payment rates for community-based service providers

Subjects: Medicaid; human services; community-based service providers; designated and specialized service agencies

This act requires the Secretary of Human Services to calculate payment rates for providers of community-based services in Vermont's Medicaid program, including designated and specialized service agencies, that are reasonable and adequate to achieve the required outcomes for the populations they serve. It requires the Secretary to take certain factors into account when calculating the rates and to establish a calculating methodology that includes a schedule for conducting Medicaid rate studies, sets forth a predictable timeline for redetermining base rates, and includes a process for calculating an annual inflationary rate adjustment. The act directs the Secretary to recalculate the payment rates for providers of community-based services at least annually and report those rates and the cost of funding them to the General Assembly annually as part of the Agency of Human Services' budget presentation. It also directs the Secretary to establish a process for providers to request provider stabilization from the Agency if they are at imminent risk of closure. The act requires the Agency to provide an update on its implementation of the act to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2026.

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