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8 Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Taylor of Milton,
9 Torre of Moretown, and Waszazak of Barre City

10 Referred to Committee on

11 Date:

12 Subject: Health; mental health; Medicaid; play therapy

13 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
14 Medicaid coverage for medically necessary play therapy.

15 An act relating to Medicaid coverage for play therapy

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

17 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901n is added to read:

18 § 1901n. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PLAY THERAPY

19 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide Medicaid coverage for
20 medically necessary play therapy services provided by an individual who holds

1 an eligible play therapy credential as determined by the Agency in rule and
2 who is licensed to practice medicine pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33
3 specializing in the practice of psychiatry, a psychologist licensed pursuant to
4 26 V.S.A. chapter 55, a master’s social worker licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A.
5 chapter 61, a clinical mental health counselor licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A.
6 chapter 65, a marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A.
7 chapter 76, or a psychoanalyst licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 77.

8 (b) As used in this section, “play therapy” means a therapeutic modality
9 that utilizes playing with toys and games and role-playing as a means of
10 addressing cognitive, behavioral, emotional, and mental health challenges.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.