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H.271

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Cordes of Bristol and Krasnow of South
Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health insurance; Medicaid; physical therapy

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit health insurance plans and Vermont Medicaid from requiring a clinician's referral or a signed care plan in order to provide coverage of or reimbursement for physical therapy services. The bill would prohibit a health insurance plan from imposing a co-payment or coinsurance requirement on a covered individual for services provided by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant that exceeds the co-payment or coinsurance requirement that would apply if the covered individual received services from a primary care provider for the same or a similar health condition. The bill would also increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for physical therapy services by 10 percent over the course of two years.

An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for physical therapy services

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

2 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)