

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 36 entitled “An act relating to Medicaid coverage of long-term residential
4 treatment for co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health condition”
5 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
6 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the following:

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

9 § 1901n. HIGH-INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
10 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND CO-OCCURRING
11 MENTAL CONDITIONS

12 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide coverage for high-
13 intensity, medically monitored residential treatment episodes to Medicaid
14 beneficiaries with substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental health
15 condition when high-intensity, medically monitored residential treatment
16 episodes are prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential
17 treatment program who is practicing within the scope of the health
18 professional’s license and the residential treatment program is participating in
19 Vermont’s Medicaid program.

20 (b) Coverage provided under this section shall be for the entire length of
21 stay prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential

1 treatment program, who shall take into account current best practices for each
2 level of care within the substance use continuum of care.

3 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1901o is added to read:

4 § 1901o. LOW-INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
5 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND CO-OCCURRING
6 MENTAL CONDITIONS

7 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide coverage for low-
8 intensity, clinically managed residential treatment episodes to Medicaid
9 beneficiaries with substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental health
10 condition when low-intensity, clinically managed residential treatment
11 episodes are prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential
12 treatment program who is practicing within the scope of the health care
13 professional’s license and the residential treatment program is participating in
14 Vermont’s Medicaid program.

15 (b) Coverage provided under this section shall be for the entire length of
16 stay prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential
17 treatment program, who shall take into account current best practices for levels
18 of care within the substance use continuum of care.

19 Sec. 3. REPORT; MEDICAID PAYMENT MODEL FOR RESIDENTIAL
20 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES

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Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to the Medicaid payment model for residential substance use disorder treatment services”

(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE