

1 S.36

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons and Gulick

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; Medicaid, substance use disorder; mental health;
6 long-term residential treatment

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Agency of Human Services to provide coverage for long-term residential
9 treatment to Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorder and a co-
10 occurring mental health condition.

11 An act relating to Medicaid coverage of long-term residential treatment for
12 co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health condition

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

14 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901m is added to read:

15 § 1901m. LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE
16 USE DISORDER AND CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH
17 CONDITION

18 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide coverage for medically
19 necessary long-term residential treatment to Medicaid beneficiaries with
20 substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental health condition when long-

1 term residential treatment is prescribed by a health care professional practicing
2 within the scope of the professional's license and the residential treatment
3 program is participating in Vermont's Medicaid program.

4 (b) Coverage provided under this section shall not be for less than:

5 (1) 30 days if the beneficiary's substance use disorder can be
6 successfully addressed by medication for opioid use disorder; and

7 (2) 60 days if the beneficiary's substance use disorder cannot be
8 successfully addressed by medication for opioid use disorder.

9 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1901m is redesignated to read:

10 § ~~1901m~~ 1901n. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL

11 SERVICES

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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