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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Medicaid; Blueprint for Health; Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a patient’s Blueprint for Health medical home to use the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire in assessing the patient’s health risks. It also makes Medicaid reimbursement of primary care providers contingent upon the use of the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire.

An act relating to the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire
It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:

§ 704. MEDICAL HOME

(a) Consistent with federal law to ensure federal financial participation, a health care professional providing a patient’s medical home shall:

(1) provide comprehensive prevention and disease screening for his or her patients and managing his or her patients’ chronic conditions by coordinating care;

(2) enable patients to have access to personal health information through a secure medium, such as through the Internet, consistent with federal health information technology standards;

(3) use the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire and a uniform assessment tool provided by the Blueprint in assessing a patient’s health and health risks;

(4) collaborate with the community health teams, including by developing and implementing a comprehensive plan for participating patients;

(5) ensure access to a patient’s medical records by the community health team members in a manner compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 12 V.S.A. § 1612, sections 1852, 7103, 9332, and 9351 of this title, and 21 V.S.A. § 516; and
(6) meet regularly with the community health team to ensure integration of a participating patient’s care.

(b) A naturopathic physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 81 may serve as a patient’s medical home.

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

§ 1901g. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Reimbursement for primary care provided to a Medicaid patient shall be contingent upon the provider’s use of the Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire for the purpose of assessing the patient’s health risks. As used in this section, “primary care” means health services provided by health care professionals to identify and treat asymptomatic individuals who have risk factors or preclinical disease, but in whom the disease is not clinically apparent, including immunizations and screening, counseling, treatment, and medication determined by scientific evidence to be effective in preventing or detecting a condition.

Sec. 3. REPORT

On or before December 15, 2014, the Department of Health shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committee on Health Care containing recommendations on the following:

(1) whether and how trauma-informed care could be more-widely incorporated into the practice of medicine throughout Vermont; and
(2) whether and how the use of the Advance Childhood Experience Questionnaire and other preventive medical services could be expanded throughout Vermont.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.