
Overview – H.559



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Today's Agenda:

Insurance Market & Medicaid

- Large bill, many topics
- Not covering the majority of the bill:
 - Medical malpractice
 - Process changes in CON, rate review, and hospital budgets & other GMC Board-related provisions
 - Sports Injuries
 - Mental Health provisions
 - Discretionary Clauses
 - Prior authorizations
 - Specialty Tier Drugs
 - Rx Gift Ban changes

ACA Compliance: Insurance Markets

- Exchange established in Act 48
- Act 48 did not amend insurance law to conform to ACA provisions

- Affordable Care Act changes:
 - Definition of small group
 - required to change to 100 employees or less in 2016
 - State option to keep definition at 50 employees or less in 2014-2015
 - » H.559 does this
 - Preemption of Vermont's Association market rating rules
 - Some plans are grandfathered under federal law
 - Creates 2 sections of insurance law – one mirroring existing law for plans grandfathered under federal law; one reflecting required changes for other plans in 2014

Insurance Markets, Cont.

- Merges the individual and small group health insurance markets into one market
- Individual and small group plans must be sold through the Exchange
 - Creates role for brokers to assist with enrollment through the Exchange
- Allows for bronze plans in the Exchange

Medicaid: Waivers

- Late Fall/Winter 2011 – reviewed changes in 2014 to Medicaid
 - Income eligibility calculation (MAGI)
 - Global Commitment waiver expires
 - Catamount insurance product not grandfathered and doesn't fit federal requirements
- H559 provides authority to begin waiver renewal process and sets minimum standards for waiver provisions

Medicaid: Dual Eligible Waiver

- “Dual Eligible” means eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare
 - Elders or individuals with disabilities
 - Low income
- Federal waiver available to allow state to coordinate and organize care better for this population
 - Now – differing coverage rules; people in the middle
- H559 provides authority to proceed and sets minimum standards for waiver application

Questions?

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