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VPharm Rule Update

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) filed final proposed VPharm Rules 5420 and 5430 with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) on July 26, 2016. The rules are expected to be heard by LCAR on August 11, 2016 at 10 a.m. If adopted, these rules will become effect on September 1, 2016.

VPharm assists eligible persons pay for prescription medicines. The final proposed rule, if adopted, will permit AHS to conduct rolling reviews in accordance with 33 V.S.A. 2077(a) instead of reviewing all beneficiaries in June of each year as the rule currently provides. The change will also align the VPharm rule with 33 V.S.A. 2072(c) that requires that AHS terminate VPharm assistance when a person becomes ineligible due to income or household size.

The Secretary of State proposed rulemaking website and other additional information can be found below.

Effective Date:

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Authority/Legal Basis:

VPharm: 33 V.S.A. §§ 2077(a), 2077(c)

Adopting and rulemaking: 3 V.S.A. §§ 801(b)(11), 838, 3052, 3053; 33 V.S.A. §§ 105, 1901(a)(1), 2081(e)

Population Affected:

VPharm applicants and enrollees.

Fiscal Impact:

It is estimated that implementation of these changes will cost the State of Vermont \$50,000. If these changes are implemented, they are projected to save the State an estimated \$364,083 in fiscal year 2017.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended on May 6, 2016. Comments received and responses can be found below by clicking the link to the DCF bulletin.

Additional information:

DCF/ESD Bulletin No. 16-10FP, which has a rulemaking summary, public comments received and responses, and the annotated and non-annotated rule can be viewed electronically at:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/laws-rules/proposed-adopted>.

The SOS references this proposed rulemaking on its website as Rule 16P008. The posting can be viewed electronically at: <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>.

VPharm Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed electronically at:

<http://humanservices.vermont.gov/on-line-rules/esd/vpharm-5400/view>.

To get more information about the rulemaking process, see the website of the Office of the Secretary of State at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/administrative-rules.aspx>.