

No. 2. An act relating to legislative oversight of payment reform and conflict-free case management for developmental disability services.

(H.1)

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

Sec. 1. PAYMENT REFORM AND CONFLICT-FREE CASE

MANAGEMENT; LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

(a) At a minimum, the following shall be included in the payment reform process impacting individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and designated and specialized service agencies:

(1) in addition to any standardized assessment utilized by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, a process for consideration of additional information relevant to the life circumstances of service recipients or applicants;

(2) in addition to any standardized rates or rate ranges developed by the Department, a process for consideration of budgets to reflect the individualized support needs of service recipients or applicants; and

(3) a process for evaluating the fiscal and service impact on individual service recipients and the designated and specialized service agencies.

(b)(1) Prior to implementing the federally required conflict-free case management system, the Department shall seek and consider input from a variety of stakeholders, including individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, designated and specialized service agencies, and other providers and advocates.

(2) As part of the changes necessary to come into federal compliance, consideration shall be given to performing initial clinical eligibility and service planning within the Department.

(c) On or before February 1, 2024, the Department shall present any proposed policy changes related to payment reform and conflict-free case management to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and seek and consider input from the Committees.

Sec. 2. REPEAL

2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186, Sec. 6 (payment reform and conflict-free case management) is repealed.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: February 13, 2023