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2 Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christie
3 of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dunn
4 of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Troiano of
5 Stannard, and Yacovone of Morristown

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Health; health insurance; physical therapy

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the
10 co-payment amount for physical therapy services under a health insurance plan
11 to the amount of the co-payment for primary care services.

12 An act relating to co-payments for physical therapy services

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

14 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4088k is added to read:

15 § 4088k. COST-SHARING FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

16 (a) As used in this section:

17 (1) "Health insurance plan" means an individual or group health
18 insurance policy, a hospital or medical service corporation or health
19 maintenance organization subscriber contract, or another health benefit plan
20 offered, issued, or renewed for a person in this State by a health insurer. The

1 term does not include benefit plans providing coverage for a specific disease or
2 other limited benefit coverage.

3 (2) "Health insurer" shall have the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A.
4 § 9402.

5 (b) A health insurance plan providing coverage for physical therapy shall
6 not impose a co-payment for care or services provided by a physical therapist
7 licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 38 that is greater than the co-payment
8 applicable under the plan for care or services provided by a primary care
9 provider.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.