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in subsection (a) of this section.

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2	Introduced by Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro,
3	Christie of Hartford, Davis of Washington, Fay of
4	St. Johnsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, and O'Sullivan of
5	Burlington
6	Referred to Committee on
7	Date:
8	Subject: Health; Green Mountain Care; benefits; financing
9	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
10	benchmark benefit package for Green Mountain Care, increase the actuarial
11	value of the coverage, and adopt standards for Green Mountain Care financing.
12	An act relating to Green Mountain Care benefits and financing
13	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
14	Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1821a is added to read:
15	§ 1821a. STANDARDS FOR GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE FINANCING
16	The design of the financing mechanism for Green Mountain Care shall be
17	guided by the following standards:
18	(1) Consistency with the purpose of Green Mountain Care as expressed

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1	(2) The principle of equity, expressed in 18 V.S.A. § 9371(1) and (11),
2	shall be the principal consideration in the development of the Green Mountain
3	Care public financing mechanism. The principle of equity requires the State of
4	Vermont to ensure that the financial contributions that individuals and
5	businesses make to the health care system are directly proportional to their
6	earned and unearned income, wealth, and business size in order to account
7	fully for their ability to pay.
8	(3) In order to avoid creating any barriers to accessing health care,
9	Green Mountain Care shall, in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9371(1):
10	(A) eliminate all premiums, fees, deductibles, and co-pays, thus fully
11	separating payments from the use of care; and
12	(B) decouple access to health care from employment.
13	(4) In order to improve population health and identify and address
14	unmet health needs in a timely and comprehensive manner, Green Mountain
15	Care shall:
16	(A) provide all needed health care services, equipment, and
17	pharmaceuticals, including diagnostic testing, preventive services, treatment of
18	a condition, and after-care, that a treating health care professional determines
19	to be appropriate for a patient's diagnosis or condition in terms of type,
20	amount, frequency, level, setting, and duration;

1	(B) conduct regular assessments of the range and depth of health
2	needs among the State's population and develop a plan for allocating resources
3	over a reasonable period to meet those needs;
4	(C) develop an indexing mechanism that adjusts the level of
5	individuals' and businesses' financial contributions to meet population health
6	needs and ensures the sufficiency of funding according to 18 V.S.A.
7	§ 9371(11); and
8	(D) ensure meaningful public participation in monitoring and
9	evaluating the adequacy of Green Mountain Care in meeting population health
10	needs pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9371(3).
11	Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1825(a) is amended to read:
12	(a)(1) Green Mountain Care shall include primary care, preventive care,
13	chronic care, acute episodic care, and hospital services and shall include at
14	least the same covered services as those included in the benefit package in
15	effect for the lowest cost Catamount Health State employees' SelectCare POS
16	plan offered on January 1, 2014 2014.
17	(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that Green Mountain Care
18	provide a level of coverage that includes benefits that are actuarially equivalent
19	to at least 87 93 percent of the full actuarial value of the covered health
20	services.
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- 1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.