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2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

4 Date: January 15, 2019

5 Subject: Human services; health care; social service integration with ACO

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 Green Mountain Care Board to conduct an evaluation of the extent to which
8 social services are integrated into accountable care organizations.

9 ~~An act relating to the evaluation of social service integration with~~
10 ~~accountable care organizations~~

An act relating to social service integration with Vermont's health care system

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

12 ~~§ 1. REPORT, EVALUATION OF SOCIAL SERVICE INTEGRATION~~
13 ~~WITH ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS~~

14 On or before September 1, 2019, the Green Mountain Care Board shall
15 submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human
16 Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare evaluating the
17 manner and degree to which social services, including services provided by the
18 parent-child center network; designated and specialized service agencies; and
19 home health and hospice agencies are integrated into accountable care

~~1 organizations (ACOs) certified pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9282. The evaluation~~

~~2 shall address:~~

~~3 (1) the number of social service providers receiving payments through~~
~~4 one or more ACOs, if any, and for which services;~~

~~5 (2) the extent to which any existing relationships between social service~~
~~6 providers and one or more ACOs address childhood trauma or resilience~~
~~7 building; and~~

~~8 (3) recommendations to enhance integration between social service~~
~~9 providers and ACOs, if appropriate.~~

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

~~11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.~~

~~Sec. 1. REPORT; INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES~~

~~(a) On or before November 1, 2020, the Agency of Human Services, in~~
~~collaboration with the Green Mountain Care Board, shall submit to the House~~
~~Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and~~
~~the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare a plan to~~
~~coordinate the financing and delivery of Medicaid Behavioral Health Services~~
~~and Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services with the All-Payer~~
~~Financial Target Services.~~

~~(b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Agency shall provide an interim~~
~~status presentation to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human~~
~~Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, including an~~
~~update on the Agency's progress, the process for the plan's development, and~~
~~the identities of any stakeholders with whom the Agency has consulted.~~

~~Sec. 2. REPORT; EVALUATION OF SOCIAL SERVICE INTEGRATION~~
~~WITH ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS~~

~~On or before September 1, 2019, the Green Mountain Care Board shall~~
~~submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human~~
~~Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare evaluating the~~

manner and degree to which social services, including services provided by the parent-child center network; designated and specialized service agencies; and home health and hospice agencies are integrated into accountable care organizations (ACOs) certified pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9382. The evaluation shall address:

(1) the number of social service providers receiving payments through one or more ACOs, if any, and for which services;

(2) the extent to which any existing relationships between social service providers and one or more ACOs address childhood trauma or resilience building; and

(3) recommendations to enhance integration between social service providers and ACOs, if appropriate.

Sec. 2a. 18 V.S.A. § 9382 is amended to read:

§ 9382. OVERSIGHT OF ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS

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(b)(1) The Green Mountain Care Board shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to establish standards and processes for reviewing, modifying, and approving the budgets of ACOs with 10,000 or more attributed lives in Vermont. To the extent permitted under federal law, the Board shall ensure the rules anticipate and accommodate a range of ACO models and sizes, balancing oversight with support for innovation. In its review, the Board shall review and consider:

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(N) the effect, if any, of Medicaid reimbursement rates on the rates for other payers; and

(O) the extent to which the ACO makes its costs transparent and easy to understand so that patients are aware of the costs of the health care services they receive; and

(P) The extent to which the ACO provides resources to primary care practices to ensure that care coordination and community services, such as mental health and substance use disorder counseling that are provided by community health teams are available to patients without imposing unreasonable burdens on primary care providers or on ACO member organizations.

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Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 2403 is amended to read,

~~§ 2403. DIRECTOR OF TRAUMA PREVENTION AND RESILIENCE
DEVELOPMENT~~

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~~(b) The Director shall:~~

~~(1) provide advice and support to the Secretary of Human Services and facilitate communication and coordination among the Agency's departments with regard to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building;~~

~~(2) collaborate with both community and State partners, including the Agency of Education and the Judiciary, to build consistency between trauma-informed systems that address medical and social service needs and serve as a conduit between providers and the public;~~

~~(3) provide support for and dissemination of educational materials pertaining to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building, including to postsecondary institutions within Vermont's State College System and the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College;~~

~~(4) coordinate with partners inside and outside State government, including the Child and Family Trauma Work Group;~~

~~(5) evaluate the statewide system, including the work of the Agency and the Agency's grantees and community contractors, that addresses resilience and trauma-prevention;~~

~~(6) evaluate, in collaboration with the Department for Children and Families and providers addressing childhood adversity prevention and resilience building services, strategies for linking pediatric primary care with the parent-child center network and other social services; ~~and~~~~

~~(7) coordinate the training of all Agency employees on childhood adversity, toxic stress, resilience building, and the Agency's Trauma-Informed System of Care policy and post training opportunities for child care providers, afterschool program providers, educators, and health care providers on the Agency's website; and~~

~~(8) serve as a resource in ensuring new models used by community social service providers are aligned with the State's goals for trauma-informed prevention and resilience.~~

~~Sec. 4. REPORT; SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER AND PEDIATRIC
PRIMARY CARE PARTNERSHIP~~

~~On or before October 1, 2019, the Director of Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development established pursuant to 22 V.S.A. § 2403 and the~~

~~Board of Maternal and Child Health shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, in consultation with stakeholders, assessing:~~

~~(1) the model in which a social service provider is embedded within a pediatric primary care practice, including recommendations for the further development and expansion of this model in coordination with any proposals for reform resulting from the CHINS review conducted pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106; and~~

~~(2) the Strong Families Sustained Home Visiting Programs.~~

~~Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.~~

~~Sec. 1. REPORT; INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES~~

~~(a)(1) On or before January 1, 2021, the Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Green Mountain Care Board, shall submit to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare a plan to coordinate the financing and delivery of Medicaid mental health services and Medicaid home- and community-based services with the all-payer financial target services, including future plans for the integration of long-term care services with the accountable care organization.~~

~~(2) In preparing the report, the Agency shall consult with individuals receiving services and family members of individuals receiving services.~~

~~(b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Agency shall provide an interim status presentation to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, including an update on the Agency's progress, the process for the plan's development, and the identities of any stakeholders with whom the Agency has consulted.~~

~~Sec. 2. REPORT; EVALUATION OF SOCIAL SERVICE INTEGRATION WITH ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS~~

~~On or before December 1, 2019, the Green Mountain Care Board shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare evaluating the manner and degree to which social services, including services provided by the parent-child center network, designated and specialized service agencies, and home health and hospice agencies are integrated into accountable care organizations (ACOs) certified pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9382. In preparing the report, the Board shall consult with individuals receiving services and family members of individuals receiving services. The evaluation shall address:~~

(1) the number of social service providers receiving payments through one or more ACOs, if any, and for which services;

(2) the extent to which any existing relationships between social service providers and one or more ACOs address childhood trauma or resilience building; and

(3) recommendations to enhance integration between social service providers and ACOs, if appropriate.

Sec. 2a. 18 V.S.A. § 9382 is amended to read:

§ 9382. OVERSIGHT OF ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS

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(b)(1) The Green Mountain Care Board shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to establish standards and processes for reviewing, modifying, and approving the budgets of ACOs with 10,000 or more attributed lives in Vermont. To the extent permitted under federal law, the Board shall ensure the rules anticipate and accommodate a range of ACO models and sizes, balancing oversight with support for innovation. In its review, the Board shall review and consider:

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(N) the effect, if any, of Medicaid reimbursement rates on the rates for other payers; ~~and~~

(O) the extent to which the ACO makes its costs transparent and easy to understand so that patients are aware of the costs of the health care services they receive; and

(P) the extent to which the ACO provides resources to primary care practices to ensure that care coordination and community services, such as mental health and substance use disorder counseling that are provided by community health teams are available to patients without imposing unreasonable burdens on primary care providers or on ACO member organizations.

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Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 3403 is amended to read:

§ 3403. DIRECTOR OF TRAUMA PREVENTION AND RESILIENCE DEVELOPMENT

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(b) The Director shall:

(1) provide advice and support to the Secretary of Human Services and facilitate communication and coordination among the Agency's departments with regard to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building;

(2) collaborate with both community and State partners, including the Agency of Education and the Judiciary, to build consistency between trauma-informed systems that address medical and social service needs and serve as a conduit between providers and the public;

(3) provide support for and dissemination of educational materials pertaining to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building, including to postsecondary institutions within Vermont's State College System and the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College;

(4) coordinate with partners inside and outside State government, including the Child and Family Trauma Work Group;

(5) evaluate the statewide system, including the work of the Agency and the Agency's grantees and community contractors, that addresses resilience and trauma-prevention;

(6) evaluate, in collaboration with the Department for Children and Families and providers addressing childhood adversity prevention and resilience building services, strategies for linking pediatric primary care with the parent-child center network and other social services; ~~and~~

(7) coordinate the training of all Agency employees on childhood adversity, toxic stress, resilience building, and the Agency's Trauma-Informed System of Care policy and post training opportunities for child care providers, afterschool program providers, educators, and health care providers on the Agency's website; and

(8) serve as a resource in ensuring new models used by community social service providers are aligned with the State's goals for trauma-informed prevention and resilience.

*Sec. 4. PRESENTATION; SOCIAL SERVICE AND PEDIATRIC
PRIMARY CARE INTEGRATION*

On or before January 15, 2020, the Director of Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3403 and the Director of Maternal and Child Health shall present to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, after consulting with stakeholders, an assessment of models of social service and pediatric primary care integration, which may

include home visiting, for possible further development of these models in coordination with any proposals for reform resulting from the CHINS review conducted pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.