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An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as participating providers in Medicaid

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

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 3242 is added to read:

§ 3242. MEDICAID PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall grant authorization to a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor acting within the scope of his or her practice to participate as a Medicaid provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services to Medicaid beneficiaries consistent with federal law, regardless of whether the counselor is a preferred provider.

(b) The Department shall amend Vermont's Medicaid State Plan as necessary to comply with subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on October 1, 2015.