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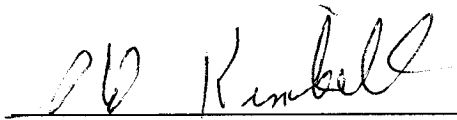
**INTEGRATION OF THE TREATMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
AND PHYSICAL HEALTH**

**18 V.S.A. §7254**

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**Authority:** The Commissioner is authorized to issue this Bulletin pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 15 and 18 V.S.A. §7254.

The purpose of this Bulletin is to bring to the attention of all Vermont private payers, including but not limited to licensed health care insurers and their delegates, their obligation to reimburse providers for less restrictive and less expensive alternatives to hospitalization for treatment of mental health and substance abuse conditions. Private payers shall include documentation of this obligation in their policies and procedures manuals.

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Stephen W. Kimbell, Commissioner