



# Vermont Medical Society

**Dedicated to advancing the practice of medicine by advocating on behalf of Vermont's clinicians and the patients and communities they care for.**

Vermont Medical Society (VMS) physician and physician assistant members are deeply committed to their patients and communities but are concerned about rapidly shifting regulatory models, workforce shortages, the high cost of care and resource constraints that impact their ability to provide patient care, and complex patient health care and social determinants of health needs.



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## What Can the Legislature Do?

### Increase Practice Sustainability

- Require Medicaid professional fee schedule to adjust for inflation
- Ensure AHEAD Model negotiations and potential implementation supports all practice types and incorporates clinician input
- Adequately fund Patient Centered Medical Home payments (Act 51)
- Increase proportion of health care dollars going to primary care services

### Reduce Administrative Burden

- Implement prior authorization reductions (Act 111)
- Ensure implementation of billing simplification (Act 111)
- Allow use of AI scribes for telehealth appointments

### Ensure A Strong Workforce

- Provide ongoing funding for primary care scholarships, loan repayment, new community-based residency (Act 78)
- Simplify medical licensure process (Act 4)
- Meet statewide economic development needs like housing & childcare
- Ensure scope of practice for all health care professionals is appropriate to education and training

### Support Public Health

- Enact ban on sale of flavored tobacco products
- Require insurance coverage of medically necessary obesity medications
- Ensure adequate substance use prevention policies and funding
- Maintain strong cannabis potency and advertising regulations
- Increase pediatric and adult mental health care services



# VMS Organization

VMS is made up of 3100 members, which represents 2/3 of practicing physicians & PAs in Vermont, along with 460 medical students. Our members include primary care, specialists, and all employer- types (hospital-employed, FQHC, independent practice). [www.vtmd.org](http://www.vtmd.org)

**VMS also operates the:**

**Vermont Specialty Societies:** Pediatrics, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Anesthesiology, Surgeons, Orthopedics, Osteopathic Physicians.

**Vermont Practitioner Health Program:** supports health care practitioners (MD, DO, PA, RA, AA) with impaired ability to practice medicine.

**VMS Education and Research Foundation:** physician leadership training, student scholarship.

# VMS Physician Leadership



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