



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.



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What Can the Legislature Do?

Increase Practice Sustainability

- Create payment models that increase access to primary care (H. 185 with modifications)
- Update Worker's Compensation Fee Schedule for first time since 2006
- Ensure that federal Rural Health Transformation fund and AHEAD Model support all practice types
- Sustain Vermont's high rates of insurance coverage and adequate Medicaid fee schedule

Reduce Administrative Burden

- Allow recording of telehealth appointments with consent (H. 84)
- Enact comprehensive data privacy protections aligned with HIPAA (S. 71)
- Monitor implementation of prior authorization reductions and billing simplification (Act III of 2024)

Ensure A Strong Workforce

- Fund establishment of Maple Mountain Family Medicine residency program
- Ensure funding for VT AHEC primary care scholarship & AHEC loan repayment
- Prohibit corporate interference in the practice of medicine (H. 71 with modifications)
- Prohibit covenants not to compete in healthcare (H. 205 with modifications)
- Sustain embedded mental health services including Blueprint Mental Health Integration and Vermont Consultation and Psychiatry Access Program

Support Public Health

- Maintain access to all vaccinations including COVID-19
- Protect access to reproductive services and gender-affirming care
- Ban sale of flavored tobacco products
- Maintain strong cannabis potency and advertising regulations
- Adequately fund substance use prevention programs



VMS Organization

VMS is made up of 3100 members, including PAs, medical students, residents and approximately 2/3 of practicing physicians in Vermont. Our members represent primary care, specialists, and all employer- types (hospital-employed, FQHC, independent practice).

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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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