1	VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION
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3	Patient Portals
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7	Whereas, A Patient Portal is a secure online website that gives patients convenient 24-hour access to
8	personal health information from anywhere with an internet connection; and
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10	Whereas, Using a secure username and password, patients can view health information such as recent
11	physician visits, schedule appointments, request refills on medications, look at lab results and
12	communicate with their physicians in a confidential and secure manner; and
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14	Whereas, Achieving Meaningful Use (MU) Stage 2 standards for patients to electronically view,
15	download and transmit health information requires that more than 50 percent of all unique patients seen
16	by the eligible provider (EP) during the EHR reporting period are provided timely (available to the
17	patient within 4 business days after the information is available to the EP) online access to their health
18	information; and
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20	Whereas, MU Stage 2 also requires that more than 5 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP
21	during the EHR reporting period view, download, or transmit to a third party their health information
22	and the MU criteria allows a health information exchange (HIE) to help provides meet this patient
23	engagement goal; and
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25	Whereas, in a patient portal future state, the Fletcher Allen Informatics Group recommends using
26	standardized release conventions across all medical staff, allowing patients to see the actual ICD-9 term
27	used in their problem lists, make all possible historic results available at the time the patient activates an
28	account (imaging studies will have secondary reads and child abuse screens filtered out), auto release
29	Tier 1 and 2 labs instantly, auto release Tier 3 labs, pathology, imaging and cardiology results within
30	72 hours, and having radiology reports for secondary reads, child abuse screens and notes always
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33	Whereas, In order to qualify for MU Stage 2 incentive payments, each eligible hospital and eligible provider have established patient portals using different release conventions and separate log-in
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36	requirements; and
37	Whereas, There are statewide and regional patient portal initiatives around the country, including
38	building a statewide or regional patient portal function on top of their HIE; and
39	building a statewide of regional patient portal function on top of their TTE; and
40	Whereas, Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) already has much of the data needed to
41	establish a statewide system of secure access to patient information; now therefore be it
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43	RESOLVED, The VMS will join eligible hospitals and eligible providers in working with VITL
43 44	in order to explore building a statewide patient portal function on top of the Vermont Health
45	Information Exchange Network; and be it further
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- 1 RESOLVED, The VMS will urge VITL to consider also serving as an aggregator for existing
- 2 patient portals and that VITL create a secure single log-in function in order to allow patients to
- 3 easily access all their relevant information.