

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

HOUSE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

The Rules governing the Vermont House of Representatives charge the House Health Care Committee to consider matters related to “health care, defined as an integrated, holistic system of care that includes policy development with and oversight of the Vermont Departments of Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Health, and health equity, health insurance, health care delivery improvement, and other similar policies.” In doing so, we are guided by the following:

- We will ensure that decisions we make are grounded in a patient-centric model that will improve quality and outcomes for all, with the doctor/patient relationship being the central decision-making force in a patient’s care.
- We will ensure that decisions we make will aim to not intentionally do harm and will aim to do good.
- We will ensure that decisions we make will empower Vermonters to participate in their own health care according to their ability.
- We will ensure that decisions we make will make sure that there is continuous improvement of the health of the population and that healthy lifestyles are promoted.
- We will ensure that structures are in place to ensure equity, accessibility, affordability, sustainability, and efficiency.
- We will ensure that decisions we make will ensure that all patients and providers feel safe in the health care setting.
- We will ensure that decisions we make will help provide culturally aware care.
- We will ensure that the Health Care Workforce is trained, supported, retained, and appreciated so they may meet the ongoing needs of the Vermont population.
- We will ensure that decisions we make will provide ongoing support for quality improvement activities of the health care delivery system.