

**S.139 Conference Committee - House Proposal**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>House proposal</b>
All-payer model	Closed	House accepted Senate proposal	House proposal
Pharmacy benefit managers	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Notice of hospital observation status	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Vermont Health Care Innovation Project updates	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Reducing duplication of services; report	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Exchange cost-sharing subsidies	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Increase for Medicaid primary care providers	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Blueprint for Health increases	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
AHEC - loan repayment	Closed	Same State dollars in both; use \$667,111 (gross) from Senate bill	House proposal
All-payer waiver, rate-setting	<b>Open</b>	Both bills appropriate \$862,767 (gross); version of language depends on budget	\$\$
Rate increases for other Medicaid providers	<b>Open</b>	If included, add DVHA home health language?	\$\$
Green Mountain Care Board positions	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Office of the Health Care Advocate	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Rate increases for independent mental health professionals	<b>Open</b>	If included, add substance abuse treatment providers?	\$\$
Intent regarding rate increases for dental services	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Global Commitment appropriation	<b>Open</b>		\$\$

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Consumer information and price transparency	Closed	New sections combine language from both bills	House proposal
Universal Primary Care	Closed	House accepted Senate version	House proposal
Green Mountain Care Board duties	Closed	House accepted Senate version	House proposal
Green Mountain Care Board rate-setting authority	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL)	Closed	With additional language re VITL advertising ban	House proposal
Referral registry	Closed	Deleted	House proposal
Ambulance reimbursement	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Direct enrollment in Exchange plans	Closed	Same language in both	House proposal
Presuit mediation in medical malpractice claims	Closed	House accepted Senate version	House proposal
Blueprint for Health report	Closed	Senate accepted House proposal	House proposal
Preventable illnesses related to obesity	Closed	Deleted	House proposal
Provider payment parity	<b>Open</b>	Proposed language combines with section on differential payments to providers	See language
Payment reform and differential payments to providers	<b>Open</b>	Proposed language combines with section on provider payment parity	See language
Independent analysis of Exchange alternatives	<b>Open</b>		House proposal
Vermont Health Connect Reports	Closed	House accepted Senate version	House proposal
Independent review of Vermont Health Connect	Closed	House accepted Senate version	House proposal
Alternatives to Vermont Health Connect	<b>Open</b>		In budget
Cigarette tax	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Meals and rooms tax	<b>Open</b>		\$\$

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Sales tax on soft drinks and candy	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Nonresidential education property tax rate	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Revenue from tax on electronic cigarettes	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Displays of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Prohibitions on use of electronic cigarettes	<b>Open</b>		\$\$
Medicaid coverage for primary care telemedicine	<b>Open</b>		Strike
Telemedicine implementation report	<b>Open</b>		Strike
Large group insurance market	Closed	House accepted Senate proposal	House proposal
Public employees' health benefits	Closed	House accepted Senate proposal	House proposal
Repurposing excess hospital funds	<b>Open</b>		Strike
Provider rate-setting in Medicaid	Closed		House proposal
Green Mountain Care Board review of designated agency budgets	Closed	House accepted Senate proposal	House proposal
Effect of Medicaid rate increase for designated agencies	<b>Open</b>	Senate has proposed alternative language	Strike
Transferring Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) duties	Closed	House accepted Senate proposal	House proposal
Repeals	Closed	House accepted Senate proposal	House proposal
Effective dates	<b>Open</b>		TBD