

Senate Health & Welfare financing plan proposal

Sec. X. UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; FINANCING PLAN

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with the Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Administration, shall develop a financing plan for a publicly financed, universal health care system based on the principles set forth in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 48. The system shall be financed in a manner that is sufficient, fair, predictable, transparent, sustainable, and equitable, as set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 9371(11). In developing the financing plan, the Board shall consider at least the following public financing proposals:

(1) Alternative Financing Concepts 10 and 11 from the appendices to the report entitled “Green Mountain Care: A Comprehensive Model for Building Vermont’s Universal Health Care System,” submitted to the General Assembly by the Governor on December 30, 2014;

(2) the Equitable Financing Plan for Vermont’s Universal Healthcare System, written by the Healthcare is a Human Right Campaign in February 2015 and set forth in H.475 of the 2015 legislative session, An act relating to establishing the financing mechanisms for Green Mountain Care; and

(3) an incremental approach to financing for universal health care starting with primary care, as outlined in H.207 of the 2015 legislative session, An act relating to establishing the framework for publicly financed primary care.

(b) The Board shall deliver its financing plan to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before December 1, 2015.

(c) Up to \$200,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Green Mountain Care Board in fiscal year 2016 for contracts related to development of the financing plan; provided, however, that the appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of any external funds received by the Board for this purpose.