

**H.670 - Rep. Donahue's proposed amendments  
for House Health Care discussion**

1 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9373 is amended to read:

2 § 9373. DEFINITIONS

3 As used in this chapter:

4 \* \* \*

5 (14) ~~“Unified health care budget” means the budget established in~~  
6 ~~accordance with section 9375a of this title. [Repealed.]~~

7 \* \* \*

8 (17) “Health care spending estimate” means the estimate established in  
9 accordance with section 9383 of this title.

10 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The Board shall have the following duties:

12 \* \* \*

13 (11) Develop the ~~unified health care budget~~ spending estimate pursuant  
14 to section ~~9375a~~ 9383 of this title.

15 \* \* \*

16 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 9383 is added to read:

17 § 9383. EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS; HEALTH CARE SPENDING

18 ESTIMATE

19 (a) The Board shall develop annually an expenditure analysis and an  
20 estimate of future health care spending covering a period of at least two years.

21 These analyses shall contain data and information as set forth in this section

1 that the Board shall consider and incorporate into its work in furtherance of its  
2 statutory duties, **including using them as tools in the Board's review of**  
3 **health insurance rates and the budgets of hospitals and accountable care**  
4 **organizations.** The analyses shall:

5 (1) inform the Board's regulatory processes in order to promote  
6 improved health outcomes, health care cost containment, quality of care, access  
7 to care, and appropriate resource allocation; and

8 (2) quantify the total amount of money that has been and is estimated to  
9 be expended for all health care services provided by health care facilities and  
10 providers in Vermont and for health care services provided to residents of this  
11 State regardless of the site of service, to the extent data are available.

12 (b) The expenditure analysis and the estimate of future health care spending  
13 shall include breakdowns for broad sectors such as hospital, physician, home  
14 health, and pharmacy and may include estimates for disease prevention and  
15 health promotion activities and other social determinants of health. The  
16 analyses shall include:

17 (1) expenditures by commercial health plans, hospital and medical  
18 service corporations, and health maintenance organizations regulated by this  
19 State; and

20 (2) expenditures for Medicare, Medicaid, self-insured employers, and  
21 other forms of health coverage, to the extent data are available.

22 **(c) Annually on or before January 15, the Board shall submit the**  
23 **expenditure analysis and the estimate of future health care spending to the**

1 **House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care and the Senate**

2 **Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance.**

3 Sec. 4. 18 V.S.A. § 9402 is amended to read:

4 § 9402. DEFINITIONS

5 As used in this chapter, unless otherwise indicated:

6 \* \* \*

7 (5) “Expenditure analysis” means the expenditure analysis developed  
8 pursuant to section ~~9375a~~ 9383 of this title.

9 \* \* \*

10 (15) “~~Unified health care budget~~ Health care spending estimate” means  
11 the ~~budget spending estimate~~ established in accordance with section ~~9375a~~  
12 9383 of this title.

13 \* \* \*

14 Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 307(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) The Governor’s budget shall include his or her recommendations for an  
16 annual budget for Medicaid and all other health care assistance programs  
17 administered by the Agency of Human Services. The Governor’s proposed  
18 Medicaid budget shall include a proposed annual financial plan, and a  
19 proposed five-year financial plan, with the following information and analysis:

20 \* \* \*

21 (5) health care inflation trends consistent with provider reimbursements  
22 approved under 18 V.S.A. § 9376 and expenditure trends reported under  
23 18 V.S.A. § ~~9375a~~ 9383;

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2 Sec. 6. REPEAL

3 18 V.S.A. § 9375a (expenditure analysis; unified health care budget) is

4 repealed.

5 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.