



Testimony on S.53
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WORKFORCE.

69 total naturopathic physicians (NDs) practicing in Vermont:
61 (88.4%) deliver primary care

Current primary care provider (PCP) workforce in Vermont:

Type	# of PCPs	% in field	FTEs
MD/DO PCPs	636	(29% of MDs)	468
APRN PCPs	328	(53% of APRNs)	235
ND PCPs	61	(88.4% of NDs)	40
PA PCPs	106	(34% of PAs)	82.5

Percentage of FTE of the four primary care types:
NDs = 4.8%, PAs = 10%, APRNs = 28.5% MD/DOs = 56.7%

ACCESS to Primary Care Naturopathic Physicians:

- 95% Accepting new patients
- 82% Participating in Medicaid
- 78.7% Accepting new Medicaid patients

Sources: VDH Survey of VT Licensed Naturopathic Physicians. Summary available here:
http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HS_NatPhys-2016.pdf

The link to the entire VDH workforce page is: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/health-statistics-vital-records/health-care-systems-reporting/health-care-workforce>

ND Age/Retirement plan:

- Median age: 40 (MD/DO median age 53)
- In next 12 months, 94.2% of NDs planned to work the same, or increase their hours.
- 2.9% planned to reduce hours. 2.9% planned to retire

MD/DO Retire or Reduce hours planning:

