

**Comparison of House and Senate versions of health care scholarship language
in H.439, Secs. E.311.1-E.311.3**

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| Program (Sec. E.311.1) | Primary care physician scholarship program for students at UVM College of Medicine | Medical Student Incentive Scholarship Program for students at UVM College of Medicine |
| Scholarship program administration | Department of Health (VDH), in collaboration with AHEC and VSAC | Department of Health (VDH), in collaboration with AHEC and VSAC |
| Stated purpose of scholarship program | No such provision | To strengthen workforce pipeline, increase number of new physicians practicing in Vermont, focus on rural areas and undersupplied medical specialties |
| Number of scholarships/eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to five 3rd year and up to five 4th year medical students • Students who receive scholarship in 3rd year are also eligible for scholarship in 4th year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 3rd and 4th year medical students • Students who receive scholarship in 3rd year are also eligible for scholarship in 4th year |
| Amount of award | Scholarship is for in-state tuition rate less any other State or federal educational grant assistance the student receives for the same academic year | Scholarship is for an amount not less than the in-state tuition rate for UVM College of Medicine |
| Service obligation: for each academic year of tuition covered | 2 years full-time or 4 years half-time practicing primary care in eligible practice setting | At least 1 year practicing primary care in eligible practice setting |
| Service obligation: medical specialties | Primary care – approved specialties are those recognized by National Health Service Corps (NHSC) at time of award; may include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OBGYN, psychiatry | Primary care – approved specialties include family medicine, internal medicine, adult primary care, pediatrics primary care, OBGYN, psychiatry; Commissioner of Health may establish additional specialties to meet Vermont’s needs for physician workforce and access to health care |
| Service obligation: eligible practice settings | Practice site must be in Vermont and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not be owned by an academic medical center • be in a rural area or in an FQHC’s service area | Practice site must be in Vermont and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not be owned by an academic medical center • be outside Chittenden County • accept patients on Medicare/Medicaid |
| Result of failure to fulfill service obligation | Repayment of full amount of scholarship, plus interest calculated in accordance with NHSC formula | Repayment of full amount of scholarship, plus interest and penalty |

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| Administrative provisions | AHEC and VSAC to enter MOU establishing responsibilities, subject to VDH approval | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHEC and VSAC to enter MOU establishing responsibilities, subject to VDH approval • Program must comply with federal law • Payments go directly to student’s UVM student financial services account • Terms and conditions to be described in award contract/promissory note, which is binding upon execution |
| Additional role for Commissioner of Health | No such provision | Commissioner of Health, in consultation with AHEC and VSAC, may establish additional medical specialties, recipient eligibility criteria, selection criteria, award terms and conditions, and evidence-based best practices to meet Program purposes annually to best respond to Vermont’s needs; Commissioner may also adopt rules to plan, implement, maintain, and evaluation Program |
| Scholarship program sunset (Sec. E.311.2) | Extended from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2027 | Extended from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2027 |
| Appropriation (Sec. E.311.3) | \$2,272,727 in Global Commitment funds to VSAC for “registered” nurse students who commit to practice in Vermont and for medical students who commit to practice primary care in Vermont; funds available for distribution after Joint Fiscal Committee approves initial MOU between AHEC and VSAC (“as set forth in subsection (b) of this section,” but note there is no subsection (b)) | \$2,272,727 in Global Commitment funds to VSAC for nurse students who commit to practice in Vermont and for Medical Student Incentive Scholarship Program; funds for Medical Student Incentive Scholarship Program available for distribution after approval of initial MOU between AHEC and VSAC |