

S.126: Differences between Sec. 11c in HHC report and HAC amendment***Sec. 11c of HHC report, showing changes proposed in HAC amendment:***

Sec. 11c. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION; INCENTIVES;

TELEHEALTH

(a) To encourage hospitals to engage proactively, think expansively, and propose transformation initiatives that will reduce costs to Vermont's health care system without negatively affecting health care quality or jeopardizing access to necessary services, the Agency of Human Services shall award grants to the hospitals in State fiscal year 2026 that actively participate in health care transformation efforts to assist them in building partnerships, reducing hospital costs for hospital fiscal year 2026, and expanding Vermonters' access to health care services, including those delivered using telehealth. **It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated in Sec. 18(b) of this act should be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all of the funds have been distributed.**

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 10301 to the contrary, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Health IT Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2026 for grants to hospitals for the collaborative efforts to reduce hospital costs in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and Sec. 11a of this act and to expand access to health care services, such as by enhancing telehealth infrastructure development. **It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds should be awarded on a first come, first served basis until all of the funds have been distributed.**

(b) On or before November 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee regarding how much of the \$2,000,000.00 appropriated to the Agency pursuant to **subsection (b) of this section Sec. 18(b) of this act** was obligated as of November 1, 2025 and how much had already been disbursed to hospitals as of that date.

Sec. 18(b) of HAC amendment, showing differences from Sec. 11c(b) of HHC report:

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 10301 to the contrary, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Health IT-Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2026 for grants to hospitals for the collaborative efforts to reduce hospital costs in accordance with **subsection (a) of this section and Secs. 11a and 11c** of this act and to expand access to health care services, such as by enhancing telehealth infrastructure development. **It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds should be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all of the funds have been distributed.**

This \$2 million approp. moves to Sec. 18(b)

This intent language moves to subsec. (a)

Same intent language that was moved to Sec. 11(a)