

MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2026

TO: Representative Alyssa Black, Chair, House Health Care Committee

FR: Rick Hildebrant MD, Commissioner of Health



RE: Follow-up information requested – Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget

Below is the information requested during my testimony on January 29, 2026 regarding the Health Department's fiscal year 2027 executive budget proposal.

1. *Members asked for additional information about the academic detailing program offered by UVM Area Health Education Center and funded through the state's pharmaceutical manufacturer and labeler fee authorized by [33 V.S.A § 2004](#).*

The Academic Detailing Program offerings are described on the [program webpage](#). The AHEC program also operates a program called Project Echo with funding from the manufacturer fee. More information about Project Echo can be found at the [program website](#). We have also attached for reference the annual program report from AHEC covering program activities from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

2. *Is the Vermont Child Care Contribution funded entirely by the State or is there an employee share?*

There is no employee share, the State of Vermont fully funds the 0.44% payroll tax.

