



To: Chair Kornheiser and Members of the House Committee on
Ways and Means
From: Stephanie Winters, Deputy Director, Vermont Medical Society
Date: February 11, 2026
RE: Support for H.577 – An act relating to establishing the Vermont
Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

The Vermont Medical Society is Vermont's statewide physician and physician assistant membership association. We support H.577 as a way to reduce patients' costs to obtain essential health care services.

Americans spending on out of pocket on prescription drugs—increased 25 percent over the past five years. Here in Vermont, these national trends have real consequences. We hear from our members that their patients regularly delay or skip medications because of cost, worsening chronic disease and increasing preventable emergency visits and hospitalizations. As I am sure you are aware, with the loss/limitations of federal subsidies, thousands of Vermonters can no longer afford coverage and are having to paying the full cost of their prescriptions out of pocket.

The proposal in H.577 to partner with ArrayRx offers a way to lower prescription drug costs at no cost to taxpayers, while delivering meaningful savings for seniors, families, and Vermonters who rely on medications in order to work, care for their families, and live a healthy life.

We hope you will support this program that will reduce out-of-pocket costs to improve medication availability and health outcomes.