

VMS RESOLUTION
DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION OF A MEDICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
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WHEREAS, immediate, secure access to accurate, complete medical information regarding an individual is a critical requirement to provide high quality medical care for that individual, and

WHEREAS, effective assessment of new initiatives to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care for everyone requires ongoing monitoring of the implementation of these initiatives and examination of the outcome of this implementation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Vermont Medical Society will strongly support the development, widespread availability and implementation of an electronic medical information system that will:

- 1. Make it easier to establish, maintain, and access accurate, comprehensive medical records in the offices of health care providers.**
- 2. Allow all health care providers who are caring for a patient at any location immediate, reliable, secure access to that patient's medical information.**
- 3. Enable health care providers to continuously monitor the administration of appropriate preventative and health maintenance services for individuals and for sub-populations defined by age, gender, specific diagnoses and risk factors.**
- 4. Give health care providers immediate access to information regarding potential adverse drug reactions related to a patient's past adverse drug reactions, other medications, or chronic diseases.**
- 5. Give health care providers immediate access to pricing information for a patient's medications, along with pricing for potential alternative medications.**
- 6. Allow rapid dissemination and implementation of new standards of care as these standards are developed.**
- 7. Provide for continuous central collection of data captured by this system, without individual identifying information, so that healthcare being administered throughout Vermont can be evaluated, outbreaks of disease can be immediately detected, local variation in the prevalence of specific diseases become apparent, and the effects of initiatives to improve the quality and control the costs of healthcare can be efficiently and effectively assessed.**