

1 VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY  
2 RESOLUTION  
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4 **Reconvening the Vermont Medical Society Physician Policy Council**  
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6 *Adopted October 29, 2011*  
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8 WHEREAS, Act 48, in section 18 V.S. A. § 9376 charges the Green Mountain Care Board with setting  
9 reasonable rates for health care professionals and provider bargaining groups established consistent with the  
10 existing Vermont health care provider bargaining group law, 18 V.S.A. §9409; and

11 WHEREAS, consistent with 18 V.S.A. §9409, the Physician Policy Council (PPC) was originally established  
12 by the Vermont Medical Society (VMS) as a bargaining group comprised of medical specialties designated by  
13 the Council, authorized to negotiate with state government concerning “provider regulation, provider  
14 reimbursement, or quality of health care;” and

15 WHEREAS, the Vermont State Medical Society’s physician bargaining group, the Physician Policy Council  
16 (PPC) was certified by the Health Care Authority as a provider bargaining group in 1994 and that  
17 certification was renewed in 2000 by the Division of Health Care Administration; therefore be it

18 **RESOLVED, that the Vermont Medical Society (VMS) will reconvene the Physician Policy Council**  
19 **(PPC) and renew its status as a physician bargaining group approved by the state of Vermont; and be**  
20 **it further**

21 **RESOLVED, that the VMS Physician Policy Council will identify common physician purposes and**  
22 **concerns and will create a process to effectively engage in negotiation with the State of Vermont, and**  
23 **others as authorized by law with respect to physician payment rates and payment methodologies,**  
24 **provider regulation and quality of health care; and be it further**

25 **RESOLVED, that the VMS will recommend amendments to the Health Care provider bargaining**  
26 **group law, 18 V.S. A. §9409, to ensure that bargaining groups have full authority to negotiate with**  
27 **the Secretary of Administration, the Green Mountain Care board, and other branches of state**  
28 **government; and be it further**

29 **RESOLVED, that the Physician Policy Council, as requested by the VMS Council, will address other**  
30 **issues of concern to physicians and their patients, such as workforce shortages, administrative**  
31 **simplification, educational debt, and liability reform and will report its findings and make**  
32 **recommendations to the VMS Council; and be it further**

33 **RESOLVED, that the VMS will actively and energetically publicize to its membership the fact that**  
34 **Green Mountain Care includes a key provision establishing bilateral negotiation of physician**  
35 **reimbursement rates.**