

1 VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION

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3 **Support for Physician Policy Involvement and Physician Leadership Education**

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8 Whereas, health care reform must address complex and dynamic challenges involving regulation,
9 reimbursement, new technologies, workforce, and the delivery system, and at the same time health care
10 reform will seek to reduce expense, improve clinical care and improve quality for patients; and

11 Whereas, health care reform may result in system-wide delivery system changes including protocol
12 driven allocation of patients, services, and technologies to address the needs of the population, based on
13 the best available evidence; and

14 Whereas physicians possess unique qualities that are critical for health care reform leadership including
15 science-based training and practice; understanding of measurement, data and evidence; first hand
16 familiarity with the delivery system and the unmet needs in their community; and compassionate,
17 hopeful , altruistic, dedication to their patients; and

18 Whereas, the complex challenges and goals of health care reform call for physician leadership, and can
19 only be addressed effectively with meaningful input from physicians; and

20 Whereas, many physicians are employed by hospitals and clinics, and must negotiate allocation of their
21 time to health care reform leadership activities; and

22 Whereas the GMCB has included 1% in the 2014 hospital budgets to allow hospital staff to be engaged
23 in health care reform initiatives; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED, that VMS work with hospitals, clinics and practices to ensure that physicians have**
25 **opportunities to be actively involved in forming policy in all arenas of health care reform,**
26 **including decisions with respect to standards of care and measurement, Health Information**
27 **Technology (HIT) systems, administrative simplification, liability reform, and payment reform;**
28 **and be it further**

29 **RESOLVED, that VMS work to ensure that a portion of the percentage allocated in the hospital**
30 **budgets for health care reform will support the development of physician leadership; and be it**
31 **further**

32 **RESOLVED, that VMS work with the VMS Education and Research Foundation (VMSERF),**
33 **hospitals, clinics and practices to ensure that physicians have the training and education they**
34 **need to function effectively as leaders; and be it further**

35 **RESOLVED, that the VMS will monitor hospitals activities with respect to physician leadership**
36 **activities.**