

CME/Relicensing Requirements:

- The license renewal process for physicians licensed by the Board of Medical Practice will begin **August, 2020** and end **November 30, 2020**.
- CME requirement reduced from 30 hours to **15 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**, including 1 hour addressing palliative care, hospice care, **OR** pain management, and 2 hours addressing prescribing-controlled substances for physicians with DEA registrations.
- **For free or low-cost online CME options, visit: <http://www.vtmd.org/cme-courses>**

Coronavirus Relief Funds

- [H. 965](#): **\$275 million in grants** for the health care sector, include hospitals, independent doctors, dentists, mental health providers, FQCHs – to be administered by AHS via application process
 - \$28 million in Hazard Pay for staff who earn an hourly base wage of \$25 or less (lump sum grant to employer of \$2000 or \$1200) – employer will have to apply
- [H. 966](#): **Expanded broadband access**, including \$800,000 for “connectivity packages” and funding to allow providers to apply for line extension for patients

Emergency Regulatory Flexibility

- [H. 960](#): Extends a number of health care **professional licensing changes and health care regulatory changes** through March/July of 2021, including:
 - Relaxing insurance credentialing requirements (through end of state or federal emergency (Sec 6)
 - coverage for audio-only telehealth services (through June 30) (Sec 8)
 - deeming licensing for out of state providers providing services via telehealth or in a Vermont facility (through March 31) (Sec 17)
 - temporary licensing for retired health care professionals (through March 31) (Sec 18)
 - waiving HIPAA requirements for telehealth platform and VT consent, if not practical (through March 31) (Sec 26)
 - creation of workgroup to examine long-term coverage for audio-only telehealth services
 - includes requirement for all health insurers to have prior authorization “Gold Card” pilot by 2022

Other bills passed

- [S. 438](#), updating Board of Medical Practice statutes and expanding disciplinary actions that employers of health care providers need to report to the Board
- [S. 128](#), bill to modernize PA regulation – move to collaborative practice

Awaiting Action in August

- [H.607](#), primary care scholarships - passed House, in Senate
- [S.54](#), commercial system for marijuana sales - assigned to conference committee
- [S. 220](#), Office of Professional Regulation Bill including pharmacy prescribing – in House
- [S. 335](#), universal after school – passed Senate, in House
- [H. 663](#), access to contraceptives – passed House, in Senate
- [H. 224](#), wellness committees, menstrual hygiene products – passed Senate, in House