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](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