

Sec. 10. PRIMARY CARE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall establish a primary care professional advisory group to provide input and recommendations to the Board. The Board shall seek input from the primary care professional advisory group to address issues related to the administrative burden facing primary care professionals, including:

- (1) identifying circumstances in which existing reporting requirements for primary care professionals may be replaced with more meaningful measures that require minimal data entry;
- (2) creating opportunities to reduce requirements for primary care professionals to provide prior authorization for their patients to receive radiology, medication, and specialty services;
- (3) developing a uniform hospital discharge summary for use across the State.

(b) During any period in which no member of the Green Mountain Care Board has experience or credentials as a medical professional, the Board may seek input, advice, or recommendations, where appropriate and consistent with due process, from one or more participants in the advisory group relating to its duties outlined in 18 V.S.A. § 9375, or to advise the Board on a report required by the general assembly or a general matter of interest. Such advisory group member or members shall be subject to the same conflict of interest provisions imposed on Board members pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9374.

~~(b)~~(c) The Green Mountain Care Board shall provide an update on the advisory group's work under subsection (a) in the annual report the Board submits to the General Assembly in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9375(d).

~~(c)~~(d) The Board may seek assistance from organizations representing primary care professionals. Members of the advisory group who are not State employees or whose participation is not supported through their employment or association shall receive per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010, provided that the total amount expended for such compensation shall not exceed \$5,000.00 per year. The advisory group shall cease to exist on July 1, ~~2018~~ 2021.