

## Wednesday, March 18, 2020

<b>PCAG Member Attendees</b>	<i>Leigh LoPresti, Norm Ward, Tim Tanner, Valerie Rooney, Robert Penny</i>
<b>GMCB Attendees</b>	<i>Robin Lunge, Susan Barrett, Christina McLaughlin</i>
<b>Other Attendees</b>	<i>Stephanie Winters, Helen Labun, Jennifer Kaulius, Michael Fisher</i>
<i>Italics denote phone participation</i>	

1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Brief introductions of everyone on the phone.
  
2. Legislative Updates
  - a. Susan Barrett, Robin Lunge, Christina McLaughlin, and Stephanie Winters shared updates on legislative bills with the group. H.742, an act relating to emergency medical personnel training, was recently drafted to quickly address COVID-19 and is currently in Senate Health and Welfare for committee discussion. The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) shared information about Medicaid payments for telephonic services during the emergency response. To learn more, please see the memorandum [here](#). H.607 addresses health care workforce in Vermont, H.723 relates to telehealth, and H.795 tasks the Board to increase hospital price transparency. The GMCB also proposed language to House Health Care to convene a technical advisory group to address prescription drug pricing. On the Senate side, committees have been working on proposals to eliminate cost-sharing requirements for primary care with S.245 and limit out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drug prices with S.296. S.309 aims to limit health care contract provisions and address surprise medical bills and S.290 relates to health care reform implementation. To read more about these relevant bills, please see the corresponding document [here](#).
  
3. Delegation Letter Proposals
  - a. The group reviewed the current proposals for the delegation letter; increase funding for Graduate Medical Education, change CMS rules to allow NPs and PAs to sign certain forms for home health services and durable medical equipment, change congressional statute to allow FQHCs to bill as distance sites, and change HRSA requirements. The group also proposed addressing student debt and decided to send two delegation letters, with one focusing primarily on telehealth and billing.
  - b. **Action Items:** Christina will draft the delegation letters and share with the group for feedback.