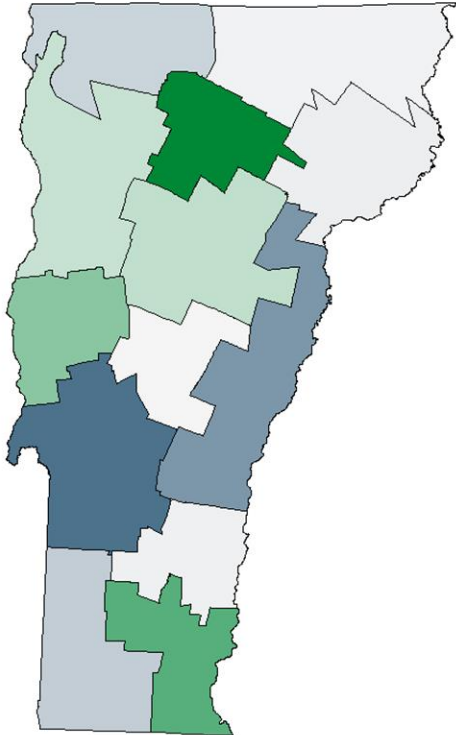


# Vermont Act 112

Primary Care Measurement:  
GMCB's Recommended Elements  
and Alignment Plan  
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# Background

In April 2016, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 112, stating that the GMCB “...*in consultation with the Agency of Human Services and the Vermont Medical Society, shall survey and catalogue all existing performance measures required of primary care providers in Vermont, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ quality measures.*”

In addition, the GMCB was instructed to “...*develop a plan to align performance measures across programs that impact primary care.*”

# Recommended Elements of Proposed Alignment Plan

- There should be statewide priorities and guidelines for measure adoption, including consideration of broad population health goals.
- The measure review process should consider the administrative burden placed on practices.
- There should be a clear role for primary care clinicians in the measure review process.
- Practices should have access to educational and technical assistance resources related to performance measurement.
  - Could include Blueprint's quality improvement facilitators or OneCare/VCO clinical consultants.

# Recommended Alignment Plan

1. Create a Measure Alignment Council to coordinate and prioritize primary care performance measures in Vermont for GMCB approval.
2. The Measure Alignment Council would be tasked with:
  - Using the broad population goals in the All-Payer ACO Model to inform and prioritize primary care measures.
  - Providing input on design of a clear and efficient process for measure introduction, retirement and replacement.
  - Identifying technical assistance needs of primary care practices related to performance measurement, and identifying available technical assistance resources.
  - Conducting periodic assessment of alignment across measure sets for which primary care practices in Vermont are held accountable.

# Recommended Alignment Plan

3. To the extent feasible, the GMCB should work with CMS under the All-Payer ACO Model to increase alignment between federal and state measure sets affecting Vermont's primary care practices.