

Imagine a Future When Anyone Can Access a Doctor When They Need To

Guaranteed Primary Health Care for Every Vermonter

No Money Out of Pocket!

Today, there is a good chance that you or someone you know may not have the ability to access quality health care. Imagine how scary it would be if you needed medical help, and there was nowhere to go.

Whether it is to treat the flu, go for a checkup, or to stitch you up after an accident, the Primary Care practitioner is where most Vermonters address their medical needs. **Primary Care is also** the most cost-effective means of providing fundamental health care services.

We are committed to ensuring every Vermonter has guaranteed access to a primary care physician. Here's why:

- ⇒ **Vermonters will save money:** Providing publicly-funded primary care would lower health care premiums for every one. Access to Primary Care will reduce the need for expensive hospitalizations and emergency room visits by treating conditions earlier and preventing disease
- ⇒ **Vermonters will be healthier:** Numerous studies have shown accessible primary care is the single best step to improving health in communities.
- ⇒ **Vermonters deserve better:** Today, too many Vermonters are put at risk when they lose their jobs or benefits or fall on hard times. It's time to raise the bar in health care access in Vermont!
- ⇒ **It's an important first step to ensuring access to healthcare for all Vermonters.**

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Legislative Update on Guaranteed Primary Care

- ⇒ **2015 legislative session:** Two bills (H.207 and S.88) which proposed creating publicly financed primary care for all Vermonters were introduced in the Vermont House and Senate with tri-partisan support. The legislature asked for a detailed cost plan. **Studies have shown we can provide primary care to every Vermonter with no deductibles and copays.** For just \$48 more per Vermonter each year, we can all have access to primary care, financed fairly, according to our means. Ultimately, this will result in savings on long-run health care costs, by preventing disease and reducing preventable ER visits and hospitalizations.
- ⇒ **2016 legislative session:** An additional study was requested by the legislature. It reviewed literature on primary care and found many studies linking broad access to primary care with cost savings and improved health of the population.

Now is the time to speak
with your legislators and to
let them know you support
Universal Primary Care!

