

1 VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION

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3 Support for Increased Access to Home Health and Hospice Services

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5 *As adopted at the VMS Annual Meeting on November 6, 2021*

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8 **RESOLVED**, the Vermont Medical Society will work with Vermont home health and  
9 hospice agencies, the Department of Vermont Health Access, the Department of Aging  
10 and Independent Living, the General Assembly and Vermont’s Congressional delegation  
11 to support:

- 12 • **Reliable access to quality, home care services in every region of the State;**
- 13 • **Adequate reimbursement to Vermont’s home health and hospice agencies and to**  
14 **health care professionals who provide home visits, to enable them to serve all**  
15 **eligible Vermonters and provide patients with high quality care;**
- 16 • **Expanded coverage for home health services including telehealth services under**  
17 **the Medicare program and telemonitoring services by all payers;**
- 18 • **Expanding eligibility for home health services so that all Vermonters who would**  
19 **be best served by health care delivered in the home can receive services in that**  
20 **setting;**
- 21 • **Increased inclusion in Vermont’s All Payer Model, with adequate payments for**  
22 **care coordination to reduce unnecessary and preventable emergency department**  
23 **utilization and hospitalizations.**