

# Department of Vermont Health Access

2018 Legislative Session Summary

Where are we now...

**The 2017-2018 biennium has concluded!**  
(but ... there's a special session...?)

## **S.262 – Miscellaneous Medicaid/DVHA Bill**

- Updates state statute to: comply with new laws, align statute with current practice, eliminate outdated processes/procedures.

## **S.282 – Medicaid Provider Screening Bill**

- Requires that DVHA complete the screening of provider enrollment applications within 60 days by July 1, 2019.

## **S.19 – Reflective Silver Plans outside the Exchange**

- Narrowly opens the off-exchange market to allow the sale of “reflective” plans in order to address the issue of federal CSR de-funding.

## **H.696 – State Individual Mandate**

- A working group is established for 2019 to recommend a penalty/enforcement mechanism for an individual mandate which will become effective Jan. 1, 2020.

## **S. 175 – Importation of Prescription Drugs from Canada**

- Directs AHS to design an importation program by January 2019 and request federal approval of the program design by July 1, 2019.

## **H.639 – Breast Imaging by 3D Mammography and Ultrasound without Cost Sharing**

- Expands existing prohibition on cost sharing to these services for patients with inconclusive screening results or who have dense breast tissue.

What's coming next...

We will begin our steps to implement new legislation over the next few weeks and will continue to monitor activities at the state house.

We will provide a legislative update after the special session has concluded.

## Questions?

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