

2006 FINAL LANGUAGE

**\*\*\* Master Provider Index \*\*\* (H.861)**

**Sec. 58. MASTER PROVIDER INDEX**

(a) No later than September 1, 2006, a work group shall be convened by the area health education centers (AHEC) program for the purpose of making recommendations for the creation of a master provider index designed to assure uniform and consistent identification and cross-reference of all Vermont health care professionals in the development and implementation of health care technology in Vermont. The work group shall:

(1) be composed of interested parties, including representatives of health care provider associations and societies, public and private insurers, the Vermont program for quality health care (VPQHC), appropriate departments of state government, including the commissioner of the department of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration or designee, the area health education centers (AHEC) program, and Vermont information technology leaders (VITL), for the purpose of creating a set of common data fields for a master provider index of all health care providers, as defined in subdivision 9402(8) of Title 18;

(2) compile recommendations from those parties regarding data fields that are necessary to be included in a database that allows for comprehensive cross-referencing of the multiple "unique identification codes" applied to health care providers through licensure, credentialing, and billing and claims processing mechanisms for the purpose of supporting the implementation of health information exchange and public health and policy research, analysis and planning;

(3) provide cost and time estimates for development and implementation of such an index; and

(4) develop recommendations for the governance of the index and its relationship to other state health information data systems, technologies, and records.

(b) No later than January 15, 2007, the work group shall report to the general assembly on the information obtained and shall make recommendations regarding the advisability of creating and sustaining a master provider index.

**Definition needed**—referenced in H.861, Section 58 Master Provider Index

**Title 18: Health**

***Chapter 221: HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION***

**18 V.S.A. § 9402. Definitions**

**§ 9402. Definition**

(8) "**Health care provider**" means a person, partnership or corporation, other than a facility or institution, licensed or certified or authorized by law to provide professional health care service in this state to an individual during that individual's medical care, treatment or confinement.