

# Legislative Agenda 2021

## Keep health care providers financially stable as they serve their communities

- Preserve or enhance Medicaid reimbursement levels
- Prioritize the health care sector for new federal coronavirus relief dollars

\$70,000

Medicaid cost per year at a nursing facility



### Choices for Care

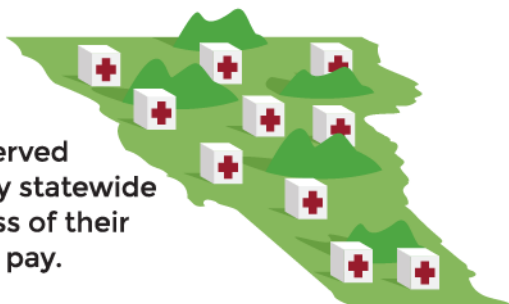
Medicaid relies on home health agencies to serve Vermonters who need long-term care.

\$32,000

Medicaid cost per year for care at home



**7,400**  
clients served every day statewide regardless of their ability to pay.



## Revisit Act 140 of 2020 to maintain regulatory flexibility for the pandemic response and recovery periods

## Support and strengthen the workforce

- Pass the interstate nurse compact
- Make permanent and expand the nurse and physician scholarships passed in Act 155 of 2020
- Extend reimbursement for audio-only telehealth
- Increase the earned income tax credit for low-income sector of the workforce
- Implement tax incentives for nurses
- Adjust the benefit cliff for income-eligible workers

**1,900** employees statewide



**vnas**  
of Vermont