

University of Vermont Medical Center, Vermont's academic medical center and founding member of the University of Vermont Health Network, seeks a Senior Government Relations Officer for our Adirondack NY Region hospitals.

Position Summary:

The Senior Government Relations Officer is responsible, under the direction of the Senior Vice President for External Relations, for managing government relations in the State of New York for the University of Vermont Health Network and its New York affiliates. The Senior Government Relations Officer deals with complex regulatory matters and public policy having significant impact on the UVM Health Network Adirondack Region hospitals, the Network physician organization and the Network as a whole. The position requires specialized skills and deep knowledge of New York State law and regulations as well as the ability to navigate regulatory processes and build consensus to enact public policy changes that are favorable to Network organizations. The position requires working closely with Presidents and senior executives at the Adirondack Region hospitals and UVM Health Network as well as senior officials in the legislative and executive branches of New York State government and key community stakeholders. The position also involves managing external government relations contractors engaged by the Network and its affiliates. Strong analytical and communications skills are required, as is the ability to conduct oneself with tact, diplomacy and discretion.

Education:

Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Political Science, Public Relations or related field.

Experience:

Demonstrated professional experience at a senior level in areas cited below. Demonstrated advanced knowledge of communications, planning, community relations, government relations, marketing, publications, special event planning, testimony and bill writing, telecommunications, and education/information service. Demonstrated knowledge of today's health care environment in New York and elsewhere.

Excellent interpersonal, organizational, verbal and written communication skills, and politically sensitive. Able to draft legislation. Capability to manage multiple priorities in a fast-paced, ever-changing work

environment. Ability to work well with key internal and external constituents. Must have well-developed problem identification, analytical, problem resolution, persuasion, and negotiation skills. Must have demonstrated organizational skills with attention to details. Demonstrates familiarity with personal computers and network systems.

The Organization:

The University of Vermont Health Network (UVHN) is a six-hospital network that serves all of Vermont and the northern New York region. It was created in October 2011 when Fletcher Allen in Burlington, Vermont, and Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, Vermont, signed an affiliation agreement. In January 2013, New York partners Alice Hyde Medical Center in Malone, Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh and Elizabethtown Community Hospital in Elizabethtown joined the affiliation. In 2017, Porter Hospital joined the network. The network was originally called Fletcher Allen Partners. With over 4,000 healthcare providers throughout the region, UVHN partners work together to offer high-quality care more cost-efficiently and as close to home as possible. Each hospital remains committed to its local community and to the heart and science of medicine: compassionate, personal care shaped by the latest medical advances and delivered by highly skilled experts.

Network Hospitals in New York Include:

Alice Hyde Medical Center

Alice Hyde Medical Center is a private, not-for-profit hospital located in Malone, NY. Established in 1913, Alice Hyde Medical Center provides high-quality, low-cost health care to the more than 55,000 residents of the North Country. The Medical Center consists of a 76-bed acute care facility, a 135-bed long-term care facility, and a 30-bed assisted living facility. Alice Hyde also has a walk-in clinic, and a robust primary care practice, which includes offices on the Malone campus, as well as four family health centers which bring primary and preventive services into the community. Alice Hyde also offers specialty care, including women's health services, a family maternity center, a cancer center, an orthopedic and rehabilitation center, a dental center, general surgery, cardiology, and more. Alice Hyde Medical Center employs more than 700 people across its facilities. Alice Hyde Medical Center is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors, and is accredited by the Joint Commission. Learn more at www.alicehyde.com.

Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital

Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital (CVPH) is a private, not-for-profit hospital established in 1967 with the merger of Champlain Valley and Physicians hospitals. It is the largest health care provider and employer in New York's North Country. The hospital partners with Adirondack Medical Center and Hudson Headwaters Health Network in the Adirondack Health Institute. The hospital offers 24-hour emergency care, freestanding ambulatory surgery and rehabilitation centers, an accredited cancer center, and a heart center that has earned national acclaim for outcomes and quality.

Elizabethtown Community Hospital

Elizabethtown Community Hospital (ECH) is a non-profit, 25-bed critical access hospital providing health care to communities throughout Essex County, New York (600 square miles). It offers an inpatient unit with both acute and sub-acute care, a 24-hour emergency department, access to specialists, a complete therapy department, on-site laboratory and pharmacy, an all-digital radiology department, chemotherapy/infusion treatment, and a cardiac rehabilitation program – all supported by advanced technology throughout the facility. The hospital owns a network of community health centers, offering convenient access to primary care throughout the area, and is the only critical access hospital in Essex County accredited by the Joint Commission, reflecting its commitment to achieving certain performance standards.

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We offer a comprehensive benefits package including relocation. We proudly offer a non-smoking work environment. The UVM Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or protective veteran status.