



***Legislative Wrap Up and Overview of  
GMCB Regulatory Schedule***  
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# Overview of Presentation

- ❑ 2017 Legislative Session Wrap Up
- ❑ Review of new and on-going legislative reports
- ❑ Overview of the schedule of Regulatory activities of the GMCB for the next four months

## S.133

# An Act Relating to Mental Health Care and Care Coordination

**Summary:** Omnibus mental health bill that looks to correct different aspects of Vermont's mental health system.

**Provisions include:** Lack of psychiatric beds, too many individuals needing to be treated in emergency rooms rather than mental health facilities with expertise in crisis management, lack of mental health professionals, inadequate funding of the designated and specialized agencies, minimum wage for mental health workers, etc.

**GMCB Role:** On or before December 31, 2020 AHS in collaboration with GMCB shall provide a report outlining a plan for including the financing and delivery of community-based providers in delivery system reform. Board shall include a summary of information relating to integration with community providers in their annual report due on January 15, 2018. AHS, VDH, and GMCB shall collaborate and conduct analysis of child and adult movement through Vermont's mental health system, including voluntary/involuntary hospital admissions, hospital admissions, crisis beds, stable housing, etc. Analysis shall identify barriers and opportunities for improvement in Vermont's mental health system. GMCB shall review ACO's model of care and integration with community providers, including designated agencies and specialized agencies, regarding how the model promotes seamless coordination across care continuum,

# H.507 An Act Relating to Next Generation Medicaid ACO pilot project reporting requirements

Summary: The bill has several reports that require monitoring of funds to an ACO and the updates from the GMCB of the progress of the APM. Of the 7 pages of the bill, 5 are dedicated to a pilot/research that looks to control out-of-pocket prescription costs specifically for bronze-level QHP's

GMCB Role: On or before June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2017, the Green Mountain Care Board shall provide to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care, the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the Health Reform Oversight Committee, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate written updates on the Board's progress in meeting the benchmarks identified in the Board's Year 0 (2017) All-Payer ACO Model Timeline regarding implementation of the All-Payer Model and the Board's preparations for regulating accountable care organizations.

## S.4 An Act Relating to publicly accessible meetings of an Accountable Care Organization's Governing Body

Summary: Requires all public meetings of the ACO to be recorded and for minutes to be taken, public ACO meetings shall be noticed in compliance with public meeting law, allows for exceptions to public meeting law such as the discussion of contracts or contract negotiations, pending/probable prosecution, personnel matters, etc.

GMCB Role: In order to be eligible to receive payments from Medicaid or commercial insurance through any payment reform program or initiative, including an all-payer model, each accountable care organization shall obtain and maintain certification from the Green Mountain Care Board. The Board shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to establish standards and processes for certifying accountable care organizations.

# Other Legislative Items

## H.29 : An act relating to permitting Medicare supplemental plans to offer expense discounts

- The bill contains provisions addressing Medicare supplement plans, health care professional payment parity, and health insurer bill back.
- There was robust discussion in both the Senate and House, but ultimately the legislative session came to a close and the provisions were jettisoned into other bills.
- The GMCB began the work on the issue of pay parity separate from any required statutory charge. Currently there is a GMCB Pay Parity Working Group that has divided into three separate sub-groups that are examining different areas of interest within the pay parity discussion.
- The budget, as it stands, contains the following language:

### Sec. E.345.1 FAIR REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

(a) Utilizing funds appropriated in Section B.345 of this act, the Green Mountain Care Board shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee by October 1, 2017 describing what substantial changes have been put into effect to achieve the site-neutral, fair reimbursements for medical services as envisioned in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 144, Sec. 19, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23, and 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 143, Sec. 5.

# GMCB Required Reports for 2017

Reports Required In 2017				
Citation		Subject	To	Due Date
H.518 Sec. E.345.1		Fair Reimbursement Report	Health Reform Oversight Committee	October 1, 2017
Act No. 25. Sec. 2.		All-Payer ACO Model Timeline (updates)	House Committees on Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care, the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the Health Reform Oversight Committee, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate	June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2017
S.133 Sec. 3. (1).		Integration of Mental Health services	Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services	December 15, 2017

# GMCB Required Reports

ONGOING

Citation	Subject	To	Due Date
S.216 Sec 2: Pharmaceutical Cost Transparency	Prescription drug list	Annually post list to Green Mountain Care Board website	
Amended 2013 Act 79 Sec 41. Restart 5-yr clock at 2013  18 VSA Sec 9375(d)	Green Mountain Care Board activities for the preceding state calendar year - include prior authorization implementation per 18 VSA Sec 9377a(b). REPORT MAY INCLUDE REQUIREMENT OF 2000 ACT 152 SEC 117b, AS AMENDED BY 2013 ACT 79 SEC 42 AND 2014 H.596 SEC 9. (includes cost shift report)	House Health Care and Senate Health and Welfare Committees	1/15 annually
18 VSA Sec 9375a(b)(4)	Projection of health care expenditures	General Assembly	1/15 annually
2013 Act 79 Sec 37c(a)	Total amount of expenses eligible for allocation and actual billed back to regulated entities during preceding fiscal year	House Health Care and Human Services; Appropriations; and Senate Health and Welfare; and Appropriations Committees	9/15 annually
2013 Act 79 Sec 37c(b)	Present information required by bill back report	Joint Fiscal Committee	Annually at September JFC meeting
H.812 Sec.10: Primary Care Professional Advisory Group	Primary Care Advisory Group	The Board shall provide an update on the advisory group's work in the annual report	



# GMCB Schedule for the Next Three Months

## June 2017

- Thursday, June 1 Board meeting - Kate Slocum GMCB Budget update (post legislative session), leg. Wrap up/ update
- Thursday, June 8 Canceled
- Thursday, June 15 Board meeting – Expenditure Analysis (GMCB Staff)
- Thursday, June 22 Board meeting – APM/ACO Update Act 113 Update, SIM Evaluation
- Thursday, June 29 Board meeting – Hearing on Proposed Rule 5.000

## **Board reviews QHP rate filings**

## July 2017

- Monday, July 3 FY18 Hospital Budgets Due
- Tuesday, July 4 Holiday
- Thursday, July 6 Board meeting cancelled
- Tuesday, July 11 FYI – CMMI Visit
- Wednesday, July 12 FYI – CMMI Visit
- Thursday, July 13 Board meeting - ACO Preliminary Budget hearing
- Wednesday, July 19 Rate Review Hearings - (MVP)
- Thursday, July 20 Rate Review Hearings - (BCBS)
- Thursday, July 27 Hospital Budget Presentation – Preliminary look FY18

## **ACO presents to GMCB on Q3 and ACO budget**

## **GMCB deliberates on ACO budget**

Dates subject to change

# GMCB Schedule Continued

## August 2017

Thursday, August 3

Board meeting – TBD

Thursday, August 10

VITL Quarterly Update – QHP final decisions are due from GMCB

Tuesday, August 15

Hospital Budget Hearings (Capitol Plaza)

Wednesday, August 16

Holiday

Thursday, August 17

Hospital Budget Hearings (Rutland)

Tuesday, August 22

Hospital Budget Hearings (Burlington)

Thursday, August 24

Hospital Budget Hearings (Capitol Plaza)

## September 2017

Monday, September 4

Holiday

September 5 -14:

Board meeting - GMCB potential votes on Hospital Budgets

Friday, September 15

Hospital Budget Decisions due (Staff informs Hospital of their approved rate)

Friday, September 15

Bill back report due to Legislature

Thursday, September 14

Board meeting – TBD

Thursday, September 21

Board meeting – TBD

Thursday, September 28

Board meeting – TBD

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