

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 21, 2017
1:00 PM

Attendance

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director
Judy Henkin, General Counsel
Jessica A. Holmes, PhD
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
Maureen Usifer
Tom Pelham

Executive Director's Report

Kevin Mullin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, followed up on the comments provided at the December 19th Board meeting. The Board requested some additional 2016 Medicare data; it has been received. As part of the presentation on Tuesday, December 19th on the 2016 Shared Savings program (SSPs) results, the Board heard the lessons learned from the SSPs were positive. However nationally, the SSPs had mixed results so the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) is moving away from the SSPs and moving to the Next Generation program. Lastly, Susan noted the SSPs showed improvement in quality and a reduction in variation across payments. OneCare Vermont will provide additional analysis on Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial programs from 2016 and it will be submitted at the end of January 2018.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from December 19, 2017.

Medicare Benchmark Rate Vote

Ena Backus, Chief of Health Policy, GMCB
Pat Jones, Health Care Project Director, GMCB
Jackie Lee, Lewis & Ellis LLC

Ena recommended the Board submit to CMMI for approval a 3.5% trend factor for the Vermont Modified Next Generation ACO Program Medicare Benchmark. They are also recommending for the Board to use a pay-for-reporting quality approach in 2018, which would be consistent with the first-year approach the Medicare program uses in all the Next Generation ACO programs and with prior CMMI initiatives. Pat clarified the staff is recommending the pay-for-reporting approach for the Medicare program only. The reasoning is because in 2018 OneCare

will be participating in their regular Medicare Next Generation program that is being offered to the ACOs throughout the country. Board member Robin Lunge made a motion for the Board to approve the staff recommendations on the Medicare Benchmark Rate and for the staff to submit the information to CMMI. Chair Kevin Mullin added the 3.5% trend factor and pay for reporting approach to the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion (5-0) the Medicare Benchmark Rate. For more information, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

OneCare Vermont Budget Vote

Andy Pallito, Director of Health Systems Finance, GMCB
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Systems Financial Analysis, GMCB
Ena Backus, Chief of Health Policy, GMCB
Pat Jones, Health Care Project Director, GMCB

Kelly read through the conditions for the OneCare Vermont budget regarding monitoring to the Board. Andy and his team worked with Jackie Lee and OneCare on the recommendations to the Board. Ena mentioned the recommendations made at this meeting do address most of the comments from the public. The Board asked questions and provided comments. For more information, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the OneCare Budget with the 23 conditions outlined in the staff recommendations with the following modifications; condition 6, modify 3.5-3.7% for commercial, on condition 13, to add a condition 13A which would read, notify the Board prior to reserves being used, condition 15, to have it read OneCare must fund Medicare, SASH, and Blueprint for Health payments, etc. and condition 17, at the end of the 4th quarter of 2018 OneCare will provide a report on preliminary quality results and how they were measured to compare results between the Payment Reform Pilot and the rest of the program. Kevin Mullin changed the wording slightly in condition 13A; instead of nullify, it will say to seek approval from the Board. The Board voted to approve the OneCare budget (5-0) with the submitted changes. Ena recommended for the Board to vote on the provisional certification based on the materials provided thus far at an early January 2018 Board meeting.

Public Comment

Ken Libertoff
Susan Aranoff
Mike Fisher

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:00 pm.