



Fiscal Year 2020 All-Payer Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Response

While Grace Cottage is not currently participating in the ACO, we continue to evaluate the possibility of joining.

Grace Cottage is in the same Hospital Service Area (HSA) as Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, thus far more patients in our HSA are attributed to Brattleboro than to Grace Cottage.

The TCOC for the Brattleboro HSA of \$486.41 is 1% above the Statewide average of \$483.50, however the growth rate is at the threshold of 3.5%, which is 10% under the Statewide average of 3.9%.

Despite not currently participating in the ACO, we do work tirelessly to do our part for reducing the TCOC.

In addition to our primary care practice being a certified Patient Centered Medical Home, we have recognized the value of the Community Health Team and its efforts to keep chronic patients out of the Emergency Department and the Inpatient Unit. As the allocation of FTEs provided to us through the Blueprint grant for our HSA proved to be inadequate, we secured a supplemental grant four years ago to more than double the size of our Community Health Team. That grant is ending this fiscal year, however we have made the decision to continue with an expanded CHT to further the efforts to reduce the TCOC.