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March 31, 2023

Philip B. Scott  
Governor  
109 State Street, Pavilion  
Montpelier, VT 05609

Jenney Samuelson  
Secretary  
Vermont Agency of Human Services  
280 State Drive – Center Building  
Waterbury, VT 05671

Owen Foster  
Chair  
Green Mountain Care Board  
144 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**SUBJECT:** Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model Offer of Optional Transition Period (Performance Year 7) in Calendar Year 2024

Dear Governor Scott, Secretary Samuelson, and Chair Foster;

In accordance with the terms of the First Amended and Restated Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model Agreement (the “Agreement”), CMS writes to offer Vermont\* an additional Performance Year of the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model. The additional Performance Year will begin on January 1, 2024, and end at 11:59 PM (EST) on December 31, 2024, unless the Agreement is sooner terminated by Vermont or CMS under Section 21 of the Agreement. The additional Performance Year, also known as “PY7” or the “transition period,” will be governed by the terms of the Agreement.

Vermont shall accept or decline this offer in writing within 60 calendar days from March 31, 2023. Acceptance or rejection, signed by the Governor of Vermont, the Vermont Agency of Human Services, and the Green Mountain Care Board, should be directed to Tequila Terry at [Tequila.Terry@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Tequila.Terry@cms.hhs.gov).

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\* Per the Agreement, “Vermont” refers collectively to the Governor of Vermont, the Vermont Agency of Human Services, and the Green Mountain Care Board.

As per the Agreement, if Vermont does not accept CMS' offer of an additional Performance Year, the Performance Period of the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model will end at 11:59 PM (EST) on December 31, 2023 and the Agreement will continue in effect for two years after the last day of the Performance Period.

We look forward to continuing to work together to drive health care transformation and improve health outcomes among Vermonters. If you have any questions, please contact Lachelle Smith at [Lachelle.Smith@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Lachelle.Smith@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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