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Owen Foster
Chair, Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
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RE: Office of the Health Care Advocate Comments on FY2023 OneCare Budget

Dear Chair Foster and Members of the Green Mountain Care Board:

The Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) would like to thank the Green Mountain Care Board (Board) and its ACO budget staff for their careful consideration of OneCare Vermont's (OCV) FY23 budget submission.

The HCA supports the Board staff recommendations. The recommendations mark an important step towards requiring more rigorous evaluation of OCV's efforts, including the appropriate assumption of risk. We also support a modest reduction in OCV's FY23 budget in recognition of OCV's failure to comply with last year's budget order issued by the Board.^{1,2}

OneCare currently plays an important role facilitating the distribution of federal dollars to support important state programs. It is disappointing that recommendations by Board staff related to the Medicare benchmark and holding of risk would cause the OneCare Board of Managers to consider pulling out of the All-Payer Model agreement.

The recommendations that the Board is considering are reasonable and appropriate.

Thank you,

The HCA Policy Team

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¹ FY22 ACO Budget Order OneCare Vermont, Docket No. 21-001-A.

² 18 V.S.A. § 9372.