



November 27, 2023

Green Mountain Care Board  
144 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Green Mountain Care Board,

As Executive Director of Primary Care and Care Management at North Country Hospital, I am writing in support of OneCare Vermont's proposed FY2024 budget. I—along with the providers—can attest to the value this funding brings to healthcare organizations in Vermont which is truly pivotal to rural organizations like ours where resources and access to care, notably specialty care, is many times unavailable to patients without extensive travel.

OneCare Vermont's financial support to North Country Hospital enables us to provide patient-centered and coordinated care focused on both preventative and chronic disease by improving screening rates, ensuring wellness visits, encouraging follow up care, and offering crucial one-on-one care coordination support to patients and their entire families. With any loss of this funding, North Country Hospital would lose the ability to engage in continuous quality improvement of care efforts and patients in the Northeast Kingdom would be denied the tremendous amount of support, resources, and healthcare that they are fortunate enough to receive and have come to count on today in our underserved area.

With OneCare's continued support, our care teams will be afforded the opportunity to continue collaboration with local organizations to help pave the way forward as the healthcare landscape continues to change. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director of Primary Care & Care Management