

Public Comment: Submitted during special comment period relating to FY 2022 ACO Budget Guidance.

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Comment: OneCare must be terminated immediately. This was a bad idea foisted on the people of Vermont as an experiment concocted by intellectuals and academics who do not live here and have no skin in the game. Health care costs have gone up, not down in the four years since this debacle has been underway. OneCare looks to me like a mechanism for hospital administrators and health administration insiders to get second "no-show" jobs and collect salaries which have been hidden from public oversight. All this experiment has done is add more bureaucratic costs on to a system already top heavy in bureaucracy and paperwork while disincentivizing doctors from seeing patients because doctors get paid more the fewer office visits they have. This is effectively an experiment in socializing medicine and socialism has never worked in any context anywhere in the world. However bad our health care system has been at containing costs, you have succeeded in making it worse. How is that even possible? Also, while we are at it, it is time to disband the Green Mountain Care Board which appears to be an illegal fourth branch of government not sanctioned by the Vermont Constitution. Finally, why was the public comment period limited to seven days and not publicized by the Green Mountain Care Board? The simple answer would seem to be to avoid scrutiny and accountability.