

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

**Submit Time:** 11/8/2023

**Name:** Robert Oeser

**Affiliation:** OneCare Patient & Family Committee

**Town/City:** Brattleboro

**Topic:** Accountable Care Organization

**Comment:** I'm still learning as a new member of the OneCare Patient and Family Advisory Committee having been invited to join by the VT FoodBank, as I have a connection with a local meal site and pantry. I don't have much depth of experience yet, but I was serendipitously involved in a local issue concerning emergency medical service and happened to speak with an employee of the Brattleboro Retreat who commended the compassionate approach of the Rescue Inc ambulance service when they brought patients there from hospital emergency rooms. As I learned, it was OneCare's ability to obtain a federal waiver that allowed the ambulance service to make those transfers, make them in shorter time frames to enable treatment to start sooner while also freeing up ER beds. In addition, ambulance staff were trained to work with patients who needed the transfer but wouldn't benefit from an emergency transport that might aggravate their condition. I would ask your support for OneCare so that it can continue to explore innovative solutions in the healthcare field.

**Post Comment:** Yes