

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received on 04/17/2024.

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**Topic:** All-Payer Model

**Comment:** Looking at the results of OneCare, I see no reason to continue. It is good in theory, not reality.

The reality is our present healthcare system relies too heavily on the most expensive and least accessible care....hospital-centric care. UVMHN alone is over half of Vermont's healthcare spending. It would be nice if UVMHN would refer non-critical patients to more affordable care when possible, but routinely they do not. There is no incentive to do so.

An APM does not effectively address this key issue of shifting care to more affordable, accessible, value based options. A lot of effort and hope goes into expecting hospitals to be all of which community based care already is.

An effective, simple approach to get to where we all want to be is to forgo expensive, elaborate, time consuming models and go to reference-based, site neutral pricing on Medicare standards not subject to bargaining leverage. This is an inevitable reality nationally as all parties in health care support this, but hospitals. Hospital resistance only shows the level of power, influence and control they have acquired over decades.

Adopting a model of reference-based pricing would have a far better likelihood of effecting positive change than any APM and would take far less regulatory effort.

**Post Comment:** Yes