

THE  
University of Vermont  
HEALTH NETWORK

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*via e-mail*

Green Mountain Care Board  
144 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Green Mountain Care Board Members:

As the President and CEO of the University of Vermont Health Network, as well as the chair of the board of OneCare Vermont, I am writing to express my support for OneCare's FY 2021 budget submission. I take my role on the board very seriously – as do my colleagues – and after our own review process, approved what is coming before you now.

I have had many opportunities to engage with you about the imperative of reforming Vermont's health care delivery and payment system. It is as clear now as it has ever been that we must move our system from one that reimburses for quantity to one that reimburses for quality, with patients and their providers in the drivers' seat making decisions about their care. For Vermont, we have chosen a public-private partnership – the All-Payer ACO Model (APM) – as the way forward. It is true that together we have not all achieved the level of scale intended by the APM. But this budget is another step in the right direction, bringing more attributed lives into the model for 2021, while holding the line on administrative cost increases and maintaining investments in the delivery system.

Our system of providers in this state remains incredibly fragile. COVID-19 is far from over, and we are entering the annual flu season, which will present its own set of challenges and complications. Approving the OneCare budget as submitted for FY 2021 will lend much needed stability to this system.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO  
The University of Vermont Health Network