

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: In re Vytalize Health 9 ACO LLC's FY2024 Budget

Comment: State of Vermont Green Mountain Care Board Re: Vytalize Health 9 ACO LLC's FY2024 Budget Public Comments of Herb Olson Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments concerning the above-referenced request for ACO budget approval for FY2024. I live in Starksboro, Vermont, which is within the Five Town Community served by Mountain Health Center. The Center serves a vital role in providing access to care for many in our community. I want to focus my comments on whether Vytalize Health 9 (Vytalize) has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Green Mountain Care Board Board) that it has "established care models to provide, manage and coordinate high-quality health care services for its patients". 18 V.S.A. section 9382(a)(2). An ACO's budget must assure that its care model provides for appropriate utilization of health care. 18 V.S.A. section 9382(b)(1)(A). The Board has established rules to carry out the intent of the statute in Rule 5. In connection with its request to the Board, Vytalize must submit: (1) information regarding its model of care (Rule 5.403(11)), and (2) information regarding the effects of Vytalize's care model on appropriate utilization (Rule 5.403(13)). Vytalize has provided only rudimentary information concerning its model of care, and how its model of care might affect care utilization of services provided to patients. Managed care policies and procedures can take a variety of forms. Some aggressive forms of care management establishment of utilization standards, and prior authorization of treatment. The record before the Board is devoid of the type of information needed to make a determination exactly how Vytalize's care model's will operate. Because of the lack of information, it is impossible to determine on the basis of this record whether Vytalize has satisfied the Board's statutory and regulatory criteria. I request the Board take the following actions with respect to Vytalize's request: First. Extend the time for review of Vytalize's request until information concerning the Vytalize model of care is submitted, and comments permitted on the supplementary information. Second. In connection with its review of Vytalize's model of care, consider using the Department of Financial Services's utilization review standards of procedures for managed care organizations to determine whether Vytalize has satisfied the Board's regulatory standards on care models. Thank you for your consideration. Herb Olson. 4577 Ireland Road, Starksboro, VT 05487 herb.liz@gmavt.net 401-829-1678

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