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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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**Name:** John T. Cook, PhD, MAEd  
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**Topic:** Accountable Care Organization

**Comment:** I want to request that the GMCB not approve the proposed budget submitted by Vytalize Health for its ACO REACH anywhere in Vermont. If implemented the ACO REACH model will lead to increased healthcare costs for Vermont residents, loss of care for many, and healthcare sacrifices (loss of needed care due to inability to pay, or inability to pay for other necessities due to healthcare expenses) for many others. The dominant motivator for Vytalize and its ACO REACH is to increase profits for its private equity backers. Its main motive is not to ensure affordable care is available to Vermonters. The people of Vermont deserve better care at far lower costs than will be provided if this budget request is approved. Again, I urgently request that the GMCB not approve any budget requests submitted by Vytalize Health for its ACO REACH in Vermont. Sincerely, John T. Cook, PhD, MAEd

**Post Comment:** No