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Topic

Accountable Care Organization

Comment

During the Public comment period following the December 2, 2020 meeting on the ACO, I was for some reason unable to get off of mute on the phone. I can't get into Microsoft teams, so have log in this way.

I listened to the presentations and one question kept coming to mind. This concerns the goal of our health care system. Is it patients or profits? My question here concerns a remark that Cory Gustafson Of DVHA made about the "variability," in access to health care as people are continuously bumped from one program to another.

While I forget the exact wording of Gustafson's remark, OneCare has not done a thing to change this fact about variability. With all the emphasis on value-based versus Fee/service, what is lost is that this has done absolutely nothing to help Vermonters struggling with our health care system. The uninsured (itself an embarrassment), the underinsured (another embarrassment), and high deductibles, prior authorizations, and so on to keep us from access to care are still in place. Access to health care is our problem. What is all this money we are spending on OneCare doing about that?