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**Home Health & Hospice**



**Memo**

**To: Green Mountain Care Board**

**From: Judy Peterson, President and COO**  
**The University of Vermont Home Health & Hospice**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Peterson".

**Re: OneCare Vermont ACO FY2020 Budget Submission to the GMCB**

**Date: October 16, 2019**

I am writing today to support OneCare Vermont's FY2020 budget submission to the Green Mountain Care Board. As the leader of a community based health care provider organization, UVM Health Network Home Health & Hospice (UVMHHH), I have had a firsthand opportunity to witness the evolution of OneCare Vermont (OneCare) over the past several years. I am happy to say that OneCare has made great strides not only in payment reform but also in reform of the model of care delivered by health care providers in VT.

In addition to working closely with hospitals to standardize and improve care, OneCare's All Payer Model has promoted higher utilization of primary care, supported care coordination among a wide variety of institutional and community based providers, and implemented many population health initiatives that focus on wellness and management of chronic disease.

One of the ways OneCare has promoted improvement in care provision is through their Innovation Fund. Over the past year, a total of \$1,082,172.00 has been invested in new pilots designed by health care partners throughout our state to improve care while reducing cost. These projects range from a psychological urgent care center for children in Bennington and a program to support patients at risk for developing cardiovascular diseases from ever having a heart attack, to setting up a well-child clinic in Burlington's Old North End to serve children ages one month to five years within New American families and multiple projects using technology to deliver care to patients in ways that were previously impossible due to travel or limitations of provider access.

My organization was supported by care coordination funding to develop and implement a Longitudinal Care Program (LCP) that has resulted in significant reductions in health care expenses and increases in patient quality of life. Reductions in hospitalizations and Emergency Department utilization were

achieved through ongoing nurse case management and Community Health Worker support. Based on this program's positive outcomes, OneCare is now funding the expansion of the LCP to six other Vermont Home Health Agencies.

This is the kind of success that OneCare enables in our communities. I hope you will support their budget request for FY2020.