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Topic

All-Payer Model

Comment

My comment is in regard to the renewal of the APM/ACO Model Agreement proposal that was shared at GMCB meeting on December 1, 2021. As you know, you have received numerous requests over the past year (starting in late January/early February 2021) for the GMCB to hold public hearings, and not simply reapply for an extension of the APM/ACO agreement.

At that time, we were reassured in writing by board chair Kevin Mullin that, "Per recommendation 18 in the AHS' Implementation Improvement Plan for the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model, AHS and the GMCB will prioritize regular stakeholder engagement opportunities."

In fact, there has been little effort to reach out broadly to constituencies that might be impacted by the diversion of resources and time to the continuation of the APM/ACO model.

The failure to reach out and engage the public before renewing this agreement is not in accord with the board's stated aims or those of AHS. It is especially problematic because there is ample evidence that the All Payer Model and OneCare have failed in their stated aims of controlling health care costs and ensuring better access and more coordinated care for Vermonters

But, regardless of one's opinion on the continuation of the APM/ACO Model, recommendation 18 has not been followed through on, and I think this would be a necessity before any decision about applying for an extension can be finalized.