

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

PCAG Member Attendees	Allan Ramsay, Christina Harlow, Ellen Watson, Fay Homan, <i>Paul Reiss</i> , Tim Tanner, <i>Valerie Rooney</i>
GMCB Attendees	Michele Lawrence, Pat Jones, Ena Backus, Melissa Miles, Sarah Lindberg
Other Attendees	Rachel Block, Milbank Memorial Fund; <i>Jill Sudhoff-Guerin</i> , Vermont Medical Society; Dr. Josh Plavin, BCBSVT; Dr. Norm Ward, Karen Lee, OneCare Vermont; <i>Susan Gretkowski, MVP</i>
<i>*italics denote phone participation</i>	

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Legislative Update
 - a. It was noted that the legislation put forth by the PCAG was not taken up in House Health Care, and thus did not make crossover.
 - b. **Action Items:** The GMCB will explore options for continuation of the PCAG and will report out on next steps at an upcoming meeting.

3. Primary Care Definition & Discussion
 - a. Ena Backus provided background on the discussion, noting that the GMCB is exploring different definitions with different purpose for defining primary care – one looking at how the ACO is investing in primary care over time. Rachel Block of Milbank Memorial Fund presented on national research conducted using commercial health plans related to primary care spending. Researchers calculated both dollars and percent of total spending and looked at both FFS payments (“allowed amounts”) and non-FFS payments (many initiatives to increase investment are counted in the non-FFS bucket). It was noted that using a restrictive definition of specialties (as opposed to a broad definition) did not vary the percent of spending as much as looking at the service codes in the same manner (broad vs. narrow). It was also noted that more primary care dollars were spent on children and less as one progressed into older age groups. Researchers also estimated the typical primary care spend for commercial health plans is around 6%.
 - b. **Action Items:** The GMCB will seek the PCAG’s input on defining primary care spend.
 - i. Michele will circulate crosswalk of AOA (UPC) and GMCB (SIM) definitions for discussion.
 - ii. Discussion will be added to April PCAG agenda.
Michele to send out link to [Health Affairs](#) article cited by Rachel.