



October 17, 2016

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
109 State Street
The Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Gov. Shumlin:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, I am writing to express support for Vermont's all-payer model agreement currently in the final stages of negotiation. We believe the all-payer model has the potential to help us better align Vermont's health care system to ensure access to health care for all citizens, while containing growth in costs.

At the same time, many details are still needed to enable hospitals to plan for a new environment and ensure that they can continue serving as a vital resource to their communities. Concerns about the lack of data left our Board of Trustees feeling some ambivalence in fully endorsing the all-payer model. We request that every effort be made to provide timely and detailed data regarding the impact of the new model on individual organizations. Timely provision of this data will enable each provider organization to fully understand the model and develop the appropriate structures and processes needed to facilitate successful outcomes.

We are encouraged by the all-payer model's potential to strengthen our health care system and make it more affordable and effective for patients and providers alike. We look forward to working with our other provider colleagues and ACO leadership to create the structures to support Vermont's all-payer model.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gay L. Landstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gay L. Landstrom, PhD, RN
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center

cc: Lawrence Miller, Chief of Health Care Reform
Jeff Tieman, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Al Gobeille, Green Mountain Care Board Chair