

March 22, 2016

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
Sen. Claire Ayer, Chair
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Vice Chair
Sen. Anthony Pollina
Sen. Dick McCormack
Sen. Brian Collamore, Clerk

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The Green Mountain Care Board respectfully offers the following testimony on H. 761:

- The GMCB supports H. 761 as it passed the House.
- The GMCB approves measures for Vermont's Commercial ACO Shared Savings Program. Those measures align with the measures in Vermont's Medicaid ACO Shared Savings Program.
- The 2016 measure set includes 30 measures – 10 that are derived from claims data, 10 that are derived from a state-funded and administered patient experience survey, and 10 that are derived from clinical data from medical records.
- The GMCB has encouraged alignment in measures (when possible, given differences in populations and improvement priorities) between CMS' Medicare Shared Savings Program and Vermont's Commercial and Medicaid ACO Shared Savings Programs.
- Alignment is encouraged in measure selection, measure specifications, data collection and reporting of results.
- The GMCB also supported a hiatus in new measures for Year 3 (2016) of the Commercial ACO Shared Savings Program.
- The Vermont Health Care Innovation Project (SIM) has made investments to support reliable electronic data capture that reduces reliance on providers to collect the most burdensome measures – those that use clinical data from medical records.
- GMCB will continue to encourage and support efforts that reduce burden on providers, and seek balance and alignment.