

Summary of Provisions in the Governor's Health Care Proposals That Relate to the Green Mountain Care Board

Section 1: GMCB Billback Authority

- Expands GMCB billback authority to include expenses incurred to conduct proceedings authorized by Section 2 below

Section 2: Court of Record; Authority to Conduct Inquiries

- Grants GMCB the powers of a court of record in all matters within its jurisdiction
- Grants GMCB authority to conduct inquiries “into the cost containment activities, delivery system reforms, payment methodologies, payment rates, or the administration, finances, or budget of a health insurer, accountable care organization, hospital, health care system, or other entity regulated by the Board under this title in order to further the purposes set forth in section 9372.”

Sections 3-4: Court of Record; Authority to Conduct Inquiries

- Procedural matters related to Section 2, including service of process, pleadings, rules of practice, and appeal standards

Section 5 & Section 10: GMCB oversight of VITL

- Requires GMCB to review and approve, on an annual basis, Vermont Information Technology Leaders' (VITL) budget and core activities, and to review and approve connectivity criteria developed by VITL to ensure that health care provider's electronic medical records are compatible with the health information exchange

Section 6: Inquiry re Public Utility Model

- Requires GMCB to began an inquiry (see Section 2) regarding whether the public good would be served by regulating health care reimbursement as a public utility by 1/1/16 and report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the Governor with its findings and recommendations by 1/1/17

Section 7: Provider Rate Setting

- Requires GMCB to “establish the payment amounts and methods required by section 9376 of Title 18 for at least one sector of health care and shall continue to establish amounts and methods for additional health care sectors on an ongoing basis.”