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Hospitals and ACOs

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2018 OneCare Vermont ACO Network



* VMNG only

9 Vermont hospitals

6 hospitals taking on full risk:

- CVMC
- Brattleboro
- Northwestern
- Porter
- UVMHC
- Springfield

3 hospitals participating in the Medicaid-only program

- North Country
- Mt. Ascutney
- Southwestern

3 hospitals are members of the UVM Health Network

- CVMC
- UVMHC
- Porter



Hospital Opportunities under an ACO

- Promotes practicing in a coordinated care delivery system focused on primary prevention
- Predictable funding stream
- Potential for administrative efficiencies, such as elimination of prior authorization
- Maintains funding for Blueprint and SASH
- Participating in the ACO and the APM, as a model of innovation, satisfies Medicare payment requirements



Hospital Risks under an ACO

- Unpredictable risk
- New model of payment and care, with a lot of unknowns
- Theory of the model is sound, but want to gain a little more experience



ACO Regulation & Reporting

- ACO budget review
- ACO certification
- Health insurance rate review
- Hospital budgets
- APM financial and quality targets





Hospital Budget Timeline



Jan 1 – GMCEB staff presents FY2019 proposal to Board

Jan 31 – Hospitals submit FY2017 actual financial performance figures to GMCEB

Mid-May – Insurer rate filings due

July 1 – Budget narratives and oaths submitted to GMCEB for FY2018 budget

Mid-July – Insurer rate review hearings

Mid-July – ACO Budget Hearing

July 30 – GMCEB/HCA questions on FY2018 budget narratives sent to hospitals



Mid-February – FY2017 actual vs. budget review

Late February – GMCEB staff releases budget guidance for FY2019

June 18 – Hospitals provide GMCEB with FY2019 budgets (through Jul 1)

Mid-June – ACO submits FY2019 budget

August 10 – Response to GMCEB and HCA questions due

Late August – FY2018 budget hearings take place

October 1 – GMCEB decision on FY2018 hospital budgets

Blue = Hospitals Red = Insurer Green = ACO





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Thank you!

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