

Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model Agreement: History and Context

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The Problem

Many problems can be identified and prioritized in health care. It is important to ask, *what problem are we trying to solve* with each intervention or policy initiative. Health care reform does not seek to solve a single problem. Different types of health care reform tackle different problems

Problem	Strategy	Intervention	Result
Increase access to insurance for people who need it most.	Remove known barriers to access. Eliminate adverse selection, i.e. lack of coverage for pre-existing conditions.	Change state or federal law to prohibit adverse selection. ACA eliminated adverse selection across all states in 2010.	Adverse selection is not allowed. People with serious illnesses are not discriminated against in purchasing insurance. Access is improved if coverage is affordable.
Reduce the rate of uninsured.	Require people to have health insurance or pay a tax.	Change state or federal law to require insurance. ACA created this mechanism, no longer enforced.	Reduced the rate of uninsured in tandem with other interventions.

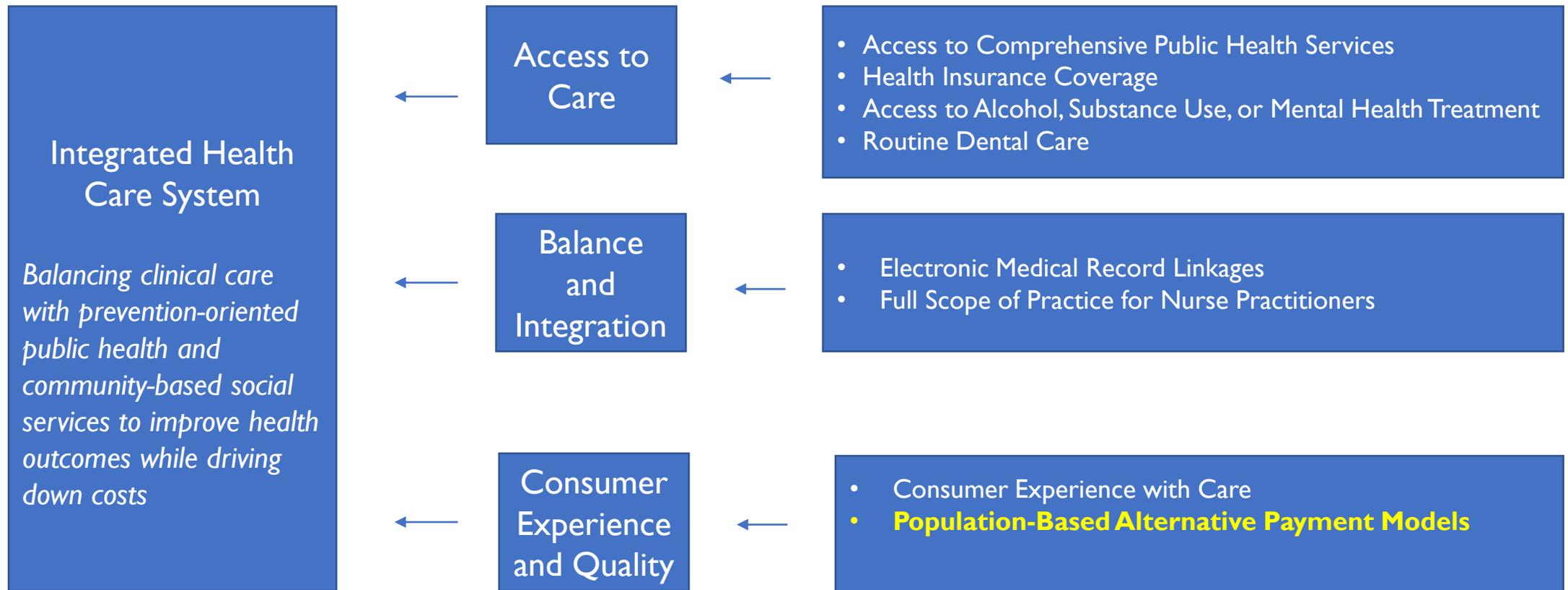
The Problem

What problem is Vermont trying to solve with the Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model Agreement?

Problem	Strategy	Intervention	Result
The cost of health care is too high and unsustainable.	Integrate care, move away from Fee for Service, and have providers take financial risk. Use model that ensures high quality service and focus on population health addressing cost.	Utilize a statewide ACO model with aligned programs across all major payers, Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payers. Agreement signed in 2016.	Performance Year 1 of the agreement began 1/1/18. Aligned programs are running across all three payers with approximately 120,000 Vermonters.

What's an Integrated Health Care System Anyway?

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Strengthening Integration of Health Services and Systems to Foster a Culture of Health



How Did We Get Here?

01

2014-2016 Negotiations with
Center for Medicare and
Medicaid Innovation

02

2016

Legislature grants authority to
enter into an APM agreement
with the federal government
consistent with the principles
outlined in Act 48

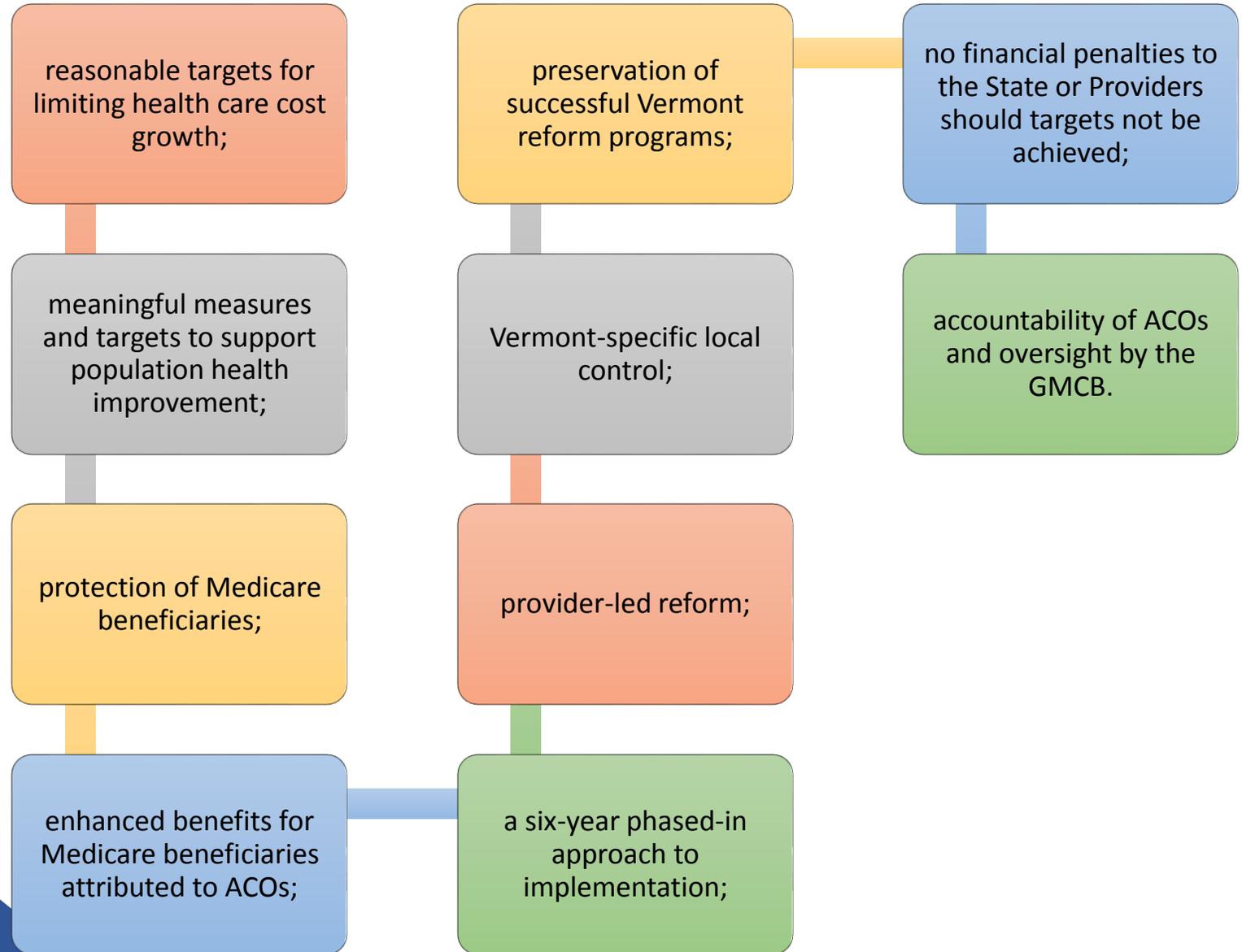
Requires ACO certification and
budget review

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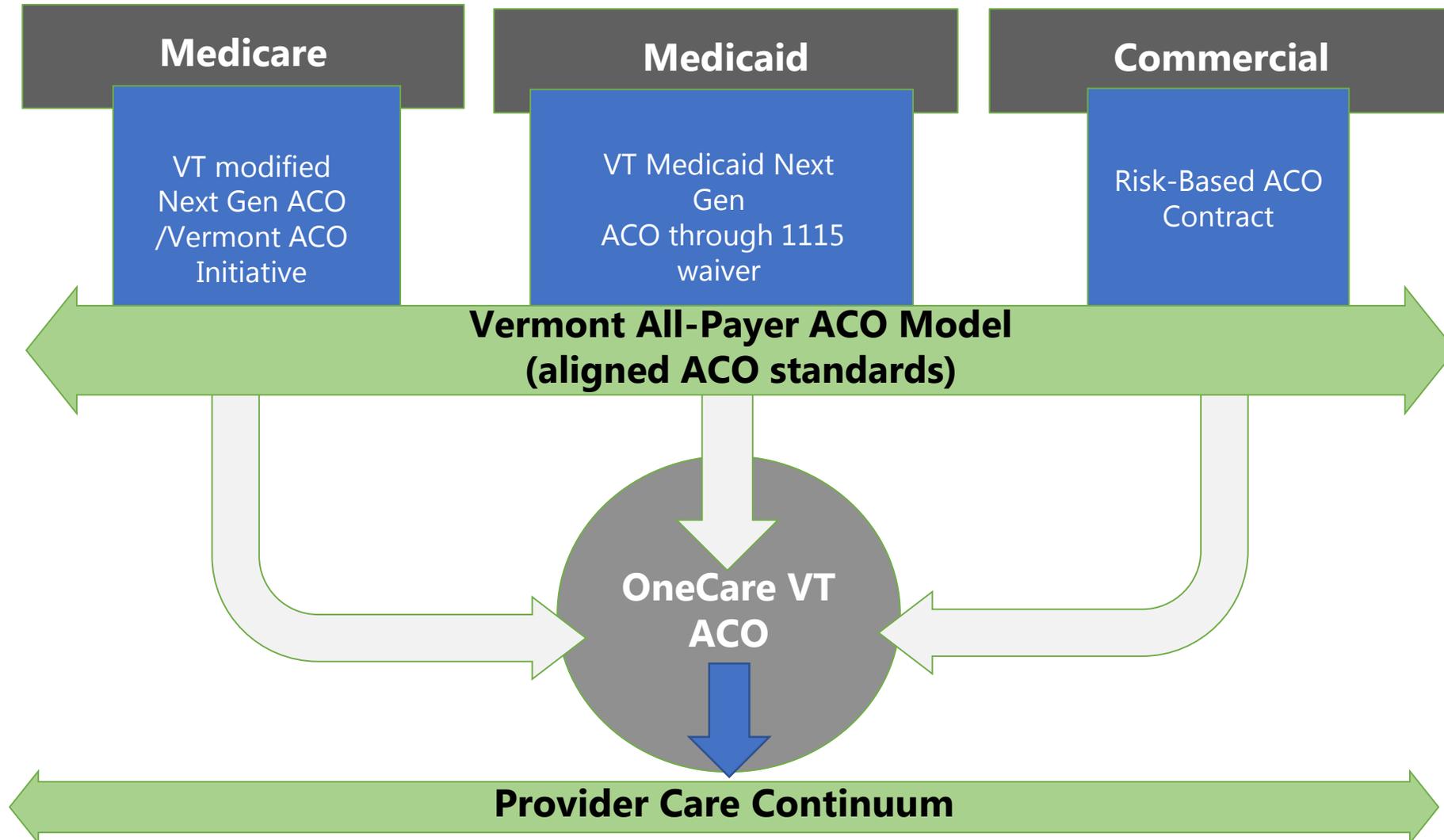
2016

Governor, Secretary of Agency
of Human Services, Chair of
Green Mountain Care Board
sign All-Payer ACO Model
Agreement

What Does the Agreement Provide for Vermont?:



Vermont All-Payer ACO Model



Platform for Reform: Accountable Care Organizations

How would I explain ACOs to my constituents?

Let the Kaiser Family Foundation help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oV5rxViCf9U>

2019 OneCare Network

✓ ~172,000 Vermonters

-Medicaid

-Medicare

-Commercial

-Self-Insured

✓ 13 Hospitals

✓ 121 Primary Care Practices

✓ 263 Specialty Care Practices

✓ 6 FQHCs

✓ 23 Skilled Nursing Facilities

✓ 9 Home Health Agencies

✓ 10 Designated Agencies
for Mental Health and
Substance Use

✓ 5 Area Agencies on Aging

