



The Vermont Education Health Initiative

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The Board of Directors of the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI) has decided to learn more about the operation of OneCare Vermont and the implications for the people VEHI represents and for Vermonters generally before approving Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) “attributing” any of its constituents to OneCare Vermont. VEHI represents the health insurance interests of active public school employees and their dependents, some 37,000 Vermonters, along with several thousand retired teachers. BCBSVT has requested to “attribute” about 19,000 of the active employees and their dependents to OneCare Vermont. On January 15, 2020, the VEHI Board approved the following motion:

Over the course of 2020, VEHI will examine how OneCare Vermont performed in 2019, assess developments in 2020, and acquire a deeper understanding of the accountable care model. In addition, the Board tasked the management team to develop additional performance measures to hold BCBSVT accountable for that initiative in the event VEHI enters the All Payer Model in 2021. These measures will be provided to the Board for our consideration in a timely manner.

The Board engaged in significant consideration in response to BCBSVT’s request. In particular, on December 20, 2019, it arranged for presentations from OneCare Vermont itself, from BCBSVT, and from Vermont Legal Aid’s Office of the Health Care Advocate.

VEHI is a non-profit organization that, for more than two decades, has served school districts by offering employee benefit plans responsive to the needs of both employers and employees and their dependents. VEHI also provides health insurance benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the Vermont State Teachers’ Retirement System.

Joel Cook, Chair and Tracy Wrend, Vice Chair