



OneCare Vermont

# Introduction to OneCare

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# Accountable Care Organizations

## The problems ACOs are trying to solve:

- Payment incentives are not aligned
- Health care services are not coordinated

## ACO Core Business Areas

- High Performing Network
- Data Analytics
- Payment Reform

## Goals

- Incentivize **quality**, not quantity
- **Increase coordination** across the system of care

## Tools Available to ACOs

1. Federal Payment Waivers
2. Fraud and Abuse Waivers
3. CMS Benefit Waivers
4. Exemption from Quality Payment Program (QPP) reporting & 5% Bonus on Medicare claims for all patients on their panel\*
5. Access to Payer Claims Data
6. Aligned/simplified Quality Measures across Payers
7. Administrative exemptions
8. Ability to share data across ACO Providers
9. Shared resources and infrastructure
10. Ability to take and spread financial risk and reward

*\*Only available to Advanced Alternative Payment Model ACOs, of which VT qualifies*



# Federal Landscape

## ACO Landscape

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ACA introduced ACOs, Established in 2012 as a Medicare Payment Model Payment

## ACO Statistics

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- Over 32.7 million patients covered across the country
- Average Quality Score over 92%
- Over 2 billion in savings

## \*Advanced Alternative Payment Models

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- 5% Medicare Incentive Payments for primary care (including FQHCs)
- Exclusion from Federal MIPS reporting
- APM Specific Rewards

## CMS Offerings

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### 1. CMS ACO Model Options (“Off the Shelf”):

- a. MSSP
- b. ESRD
- c. Next Generation\*
- d. Direct Contracting\*
- e. CHART (Community Health Access and Rural Transformation)- currently delayed

### 2. CMMI State Specific All Payer ACO Model Options:

- a. Maryland All Payer Model\*
- b. Pennsylvania Rural Hospital Model
- c. Vermont All Payer Model\*

# Federal Reform Landscape

## Recent Recommendations From Former CMS and CMMI Officials

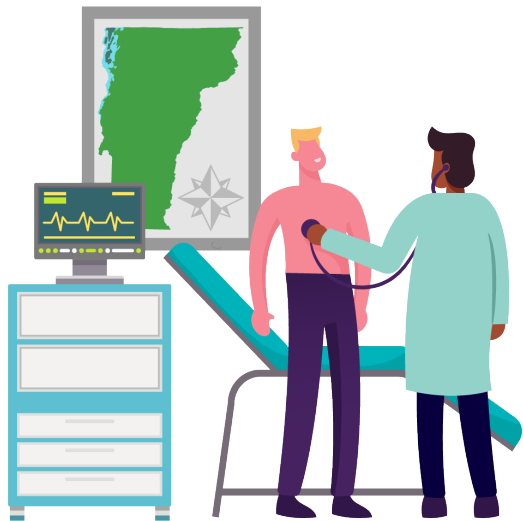
- **Recommendation 1:** Connect the CMMI agenda more explicitly to a broad HHS and CMS and a strategic plan and aims for improving health and health care delivery.
- **Recommendation 2:** Use CMMI authority to scale the ACO model nationally by making it mandatory for all Medicare participating clinicians and hospitals. Clinicians, hospitals, and payers find it difficult to operate in an ambiguous world straddling payment for volume and value. Although voluntary participation has made evaluation of ACOs difficult,<sup>5</sup> the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and others have concluded that different CMS ACO models during the last 15 years have consistently produced modest savings for CMS.<sup>6-8</sup> CMS should gradually but steadily expand ACO adoption during the next 5 years until virtually all Medicare participating organizations and clinicians are operating within accountable organizations. Advanced primary care practice models will be a natural core feature. Part of the expansion should include, as much as feasible, progressing to capitation of ACOs for total cost of care.
- **Recommendation 3:** Sponsor models directed at improving health equity.
- **Recommendation 4:** Rebalance CMMI model tests toward delivery system redesigns, not just new payment models. Payment matters, but ultimately only changes in care at the patient and clinician level can produce better outcomes and lower costs.
- **Recommendation 5:** Build much stronger cooperative innovation programs between CMMI and private-sector health care insurers and delivery, including academia.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2778102>



# OneCare's Core Business Areas

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**High Performing  
Network**



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**Data  
Analytics**



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**Payment  
Reform**

# OneCare Core Business Area: High Performing Network



## Ensuring a high quality, equitable system that improves care delivery and health outcomes

OneCare Partners with thousands of health care providers, who are dedicated to breaking down silos and working as a system. The model works cross-sector across physical health, mental health, housing, and social services to provide a robust care coordination model and community-based health prevention.

The care model includes prevention, self-management of chronic diseases, care coordination, and end of life care.

■ Fred's Story: <https://vimeo.com/479923984>

# OneCare Vermont: Fred's Story



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# Improving Quality of Care

## Diabetes HbA1c Poor Control

2019 rate 13.49%  
(Medicare 80th percentile)

**2022 target 70th – 80th  
Medicare percentile**

## Controlling High Blood Pressure

2019 rate 71.46%  
(Medicare 70th percentile)

**2022 target 70th – 80th  
Medicare percentile**

## All-Cause Unplanned Admissions for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions

2019 rate 60.04%  
(Medicare 40th percentile)

**2022 target 70th – 80th  
Medicare percentile**

## Tobacco Use Assessment and Cessation Intervention (Population 2)

2019 rate 86.36%  
(Medicare 80th percentile)

**2022 target 70th – 80th  
Medicare percentile**



**OneCare Investment Strategies:** Population Health Management Payments, Primary Prevention Programs, Innovation Fund, and/or the Value-Based Incentive Fund.



# Improving Quality of Care

## Initiation of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment

2019 rate 35.42%

**2022 target 40.8%**

## Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment

2019 rate 13.72%

**2022 target 14.6%**

## 30-Day Follow-Up After Discharge from ED for Mental Health

2019 rate 76.05%

**2022 target 60%**

## 30-Day Follow-Up After Discharge for Alcohol or Other Drug Dependence

2019 rate 33.01%

**2022 target 40%**

## Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan

2019 rate 52.69%  
(Medicare 50th percentile)

**2022 target 70th – 80th Medicare percentile**



**OneCare Investment Strategies:** Population Health Management Payments, Value-Based Incentive Fund, and Complex Care Coordination Program

**Payer(s):** Multi-Payer (Medicare, Medicaid and BCBSVT QHP)

# Improving Quality of Care

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## ACO CAHPS Composite: Getting Timely Care, Appointments, and Information

2019 rate = 82.48%  
(Medicare 80th percentile)

**2022 target → 70th – 80th  
Medicare percentile**



**OneCare Investment Strategies:** Population Health Management Payments;  
Value-Based Incentive Fund

# OneCare Core Business Area: Data Analytics

## Delivering real time, actionable data to health care providers in support of better health care decisions

We measure cost, quality, and utilization across the whole health care system. We give providers more focused, actionable data to better serve their patients.

- Eilidh Pederson of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital talks about how OneCare data helped them to deliver better care: <https://vimeo.com/537232539>



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# OneCare Core Business Area: Payment Reform



## Organizing and evolving value-based care programs by moving away from fee-for-service and incentivizing value over volume

OneCare contracts with payers to transition to paying for health outcomes and quality care instead of paying for the number of services ordered.

- In 2020, OneCare converted \$395 million of volume-based reimbursement into monthly fixed payments.
- This transition shifts focus from volume to value and stabilized participating provider revenue during the pandemic.

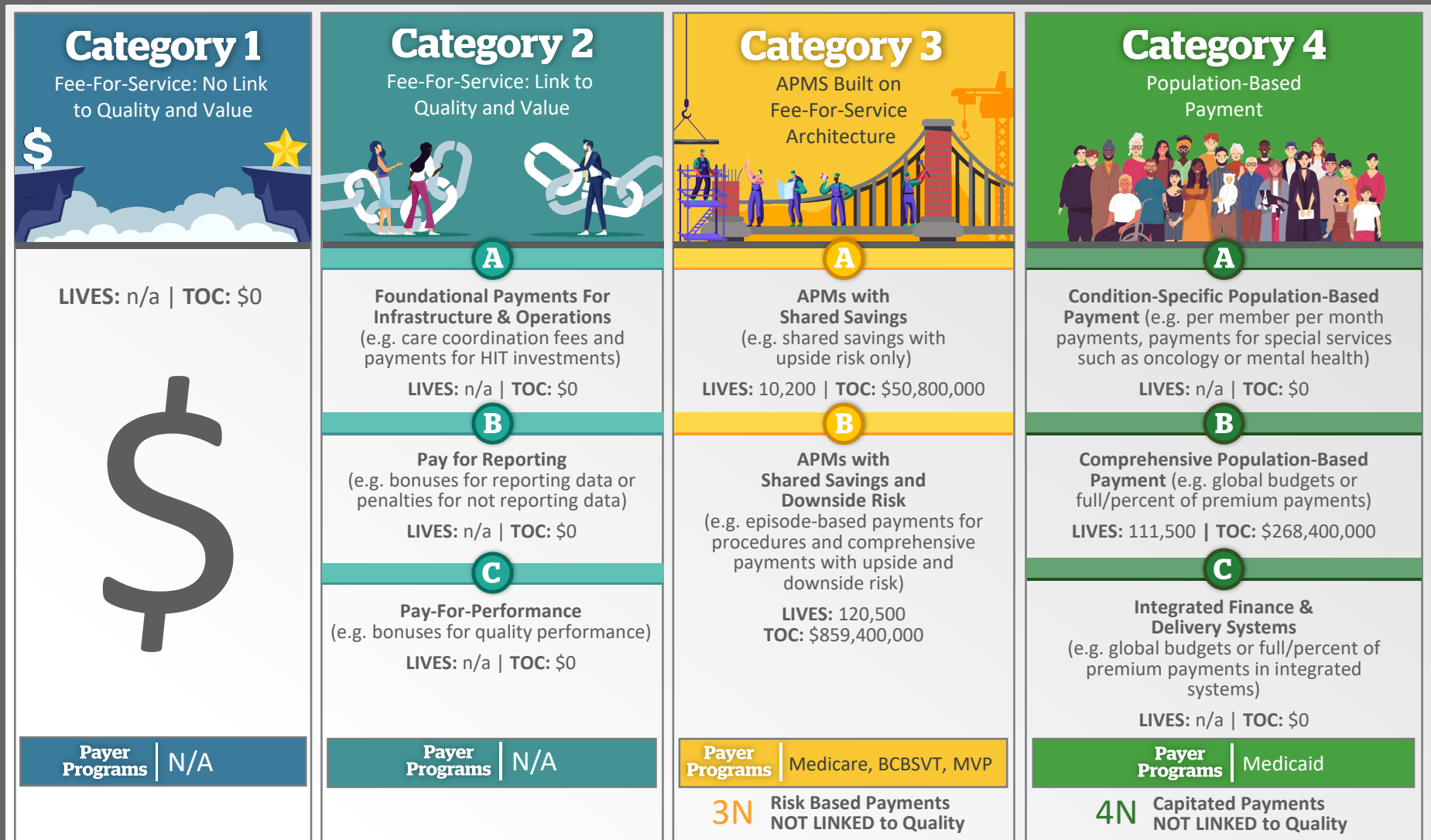


# What is Value-Based Care?

A health care delivery model under which health care providers are paid based on health outcomes and quality of care rather than for individual services.

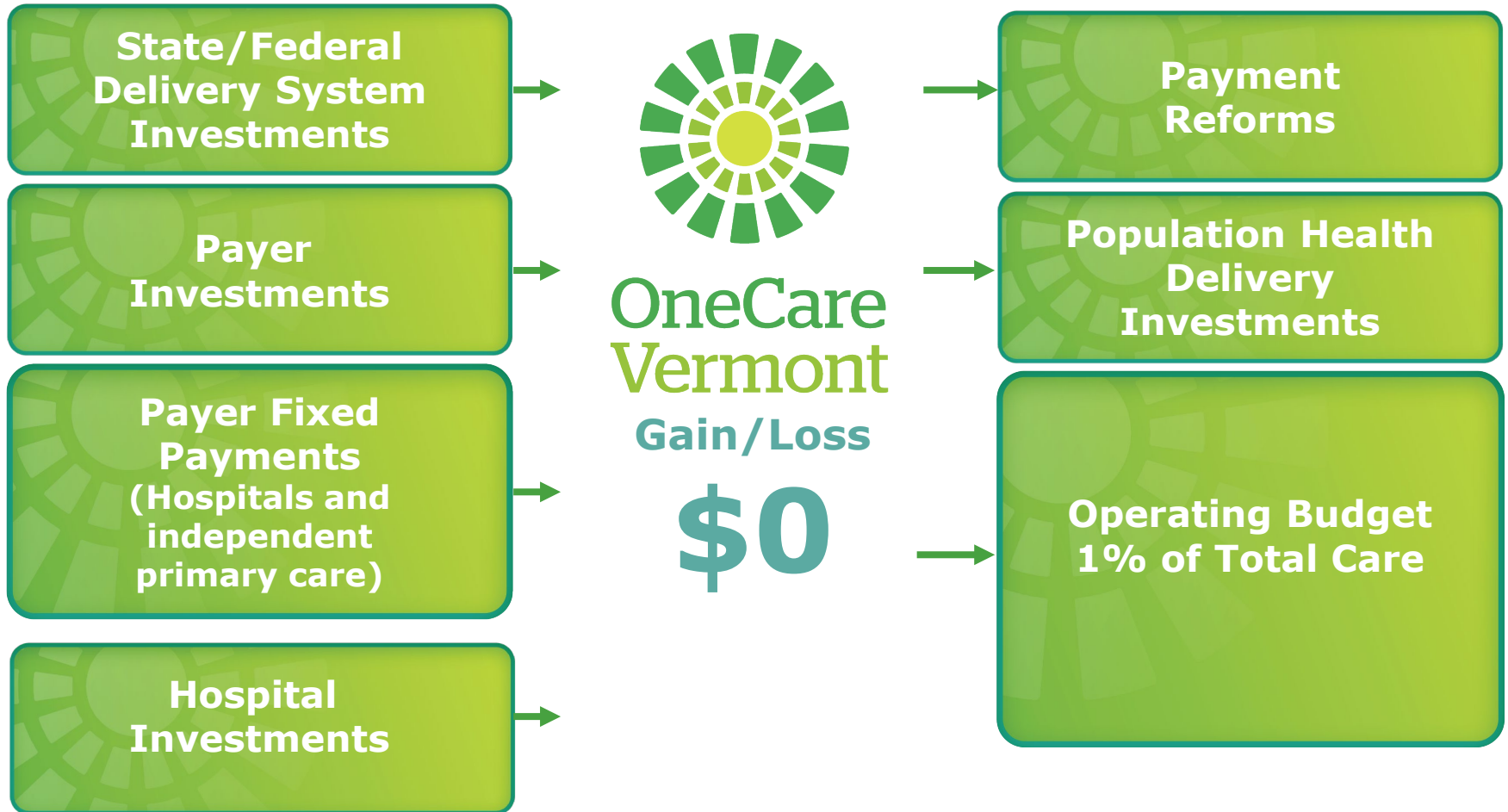


# \$1.4 billion of Vermont's Health Care Spending in Value-Based Care



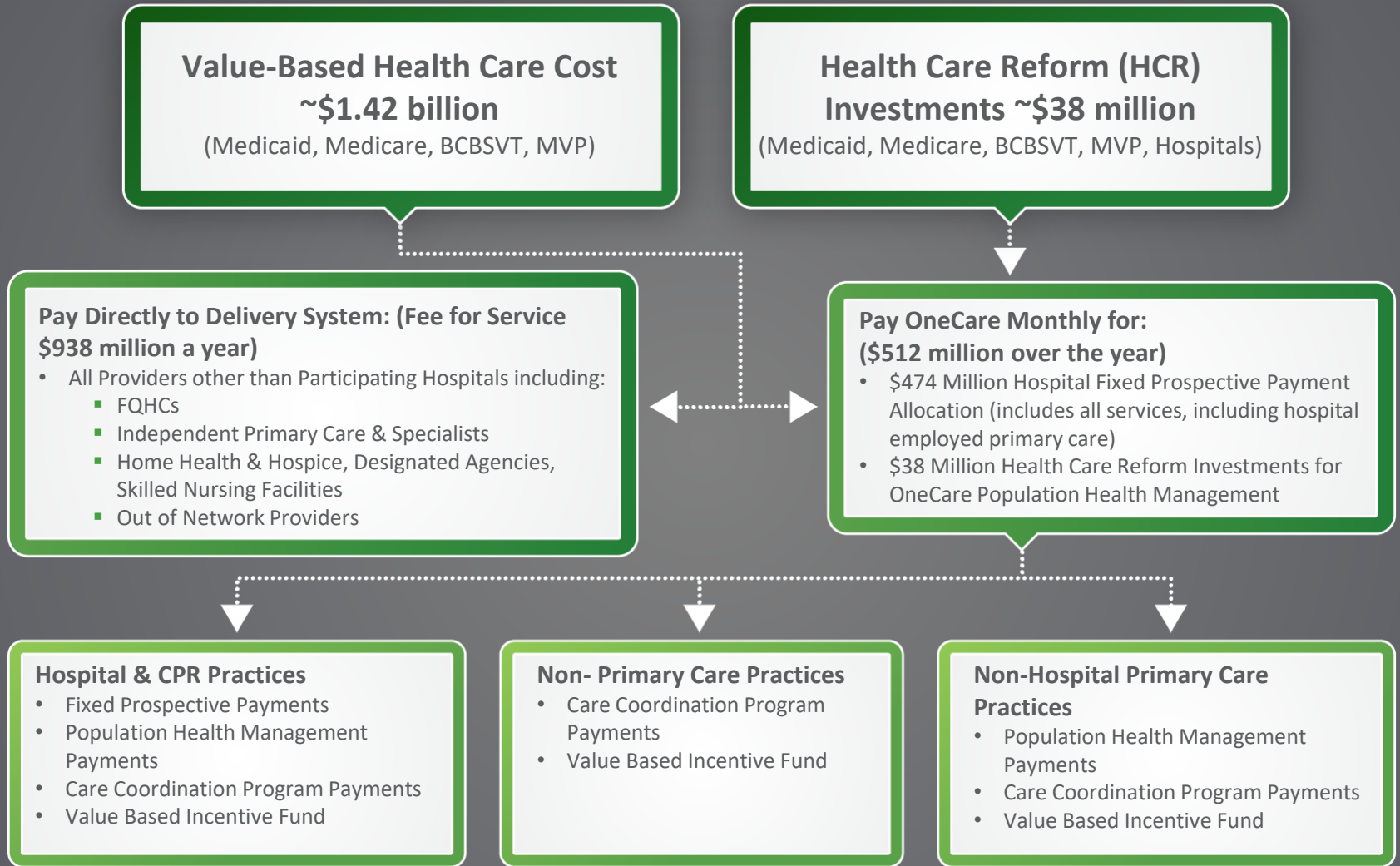
TOC = Total Cost of Care. CHART SOURCE: Health Care Payment Learning Action Network Alternative Payment Model Framework

# Payment Mechanism that Incentivizes Value





# Financial Flow



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When providers of all types work together to care for the whole person, including mental and physical health, overall health and quality of life improves, costs decrease, and the providers themselves thrive, so it's a victory all around.

The journey to better health and lower costs takes time, and we are working together to not only transform health care but to reform the way we pay for that care. We are assuming risk, which can be daunting, but we appreciate the support from OneCare and the partnerships we have across the health care system.

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**Steve Gordon**

President and CEO of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

# Questions?