

Good morning Chair Black and members of the committee. Thank you for inviting us today, and for the opportunity to express our support of this important piece of legislation. We are thankful to the Treasurer's office, as they have shown once again that we cannot wait around for a solution. The ArrayRx program represents an opportunity for Vermonters to feel immediate relief from the elevated costs of goods and services in our health care system. We have discussed the program with the Treasurer's office, as well as the Department of Financial Regulation, and feel comfortable about supporting this bill and the rollout of the program. With that in mind, we understand that there are questions about implementation. While we defer to our regulator and the Treasurer's office on the pathway to implementation that best fits the goals of the program and the regulatory nature of our business, we are ready and prepared to implement when asked. One particular piece that was mentioned in previous testimony was around application of the discount to deductible. While we don't have opposition to the concept, we do want to make it clear that because ArrayRx is not associated with our health plan, uncovering a seamless, easy, and hassle free method to achieve this would take some time, collaboration, and patience. We believe that this program should be rolled out immediately, and that collaboration with ourselves, DFR, and the Treasurer's office could help us achieve a more seamless integration of the application to deductible. But that process should not slow down the rollout of ArrayRx, nor should it slow down the opportunity for Vermonters to get the benefits of a discount on their prescription drugs. Thanks so much for the opportunity to present our support, and I'd be happy to take any questions.

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