

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Alyssa Black, House Health Care  
FROM: Brendan Krause, Director of Health Care Reform  
SUBJECT: Sections 12, 13, and 15 of S. 126  
DATE: April 23, 2025

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In response to the House Committee on Health Care's request for the Agency of Human Services' (AHS) to testify on Sections 12, 13, 15 of S. 126 – An act relating to health care payment and delivery system reform, below please find AHS's comments on these Sections:

## **Section 12. Retaining Accountable Care Organization Capabilities; Green Mountain Care Board; Blueprint for Health; Report**

AHS is supportive of Section 12 as written.

AHS will explore opportunities to retain capabilities developed by or on behalf of a certified accountable care organization that have the potential to make beneficial contributions to Vermont's health care system, such as capabilities related to comprehensive payment reform and quality data measurement and reporting.

AHS will report its findings and recommendations to the Health Reform Oversight Committee on or before November 1, 2025.

## **Section 13. Agency of Human Services; Implementation; Report**

AHS is supportive of Section 13 as written.

AHS will provide an update on the implementation of this act on or before November 15, 2025. This report will include the status of its efforts to develop the Statewide Health Care Delivery Plan, advance health care data integration, and explore opportunities to retain accountable care organization capabilities, as well as on its hospital transformation activities pursue to Act 167 and the effects of these efforts and activities on Vermonters and on Vermont's health care system.

## **Section 15. Health Care System Reform; Improving Quality and Affordability; Report**

AHS is supportive of Section 15 as written.

The Director of Health Care Reform in AHS will be responsible for coordination of health care system reform efforts among Executive Branch agencies, departments, and offices, and for coordinating with the Green Mountain Care Board.

On or before February 15 annually, AHS will provide an update to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the status of its efforts to develop and maintain the Statewide Health Care Delivery Plan, advance health care data integration, and coordinate hospital transformation activities pursuant to Act 167, and the effects of these efforts and activities on Vermonters and on Vermont's health care system.