



# OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Board of Managers Resolution May 21, 2019

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Managers (the “Board”) of OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization, LLC (“OneCare”) as follows:

OneCare participates in the Vermont All Payer ACO Model Vermont Medicare ACO Initiative and the Vermont Medicaid Next Generation Program. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by and through CMS, and the Department of Vermont Health Access, have provided certain waivers of federal and state fraud and abuse laws in connection with the Vermont All Payer ACO Model (“APM”), the Fraud and Abuse Waiver Notice for Vermont ACO Initiative..

The Participation waivers are available only when, among other things, the governing body of the ACO has reviewed and made a determination that the arrangements are reasonably related to ACO Activities. ACO Activities include:

- Promoting accountability for quality of care to Attributed Lives;
- Promoting accountability for cost of care to Attributed Lives;
- Promoting accountability for overall care to Attributed Lives;
- Managing and coordinating care for Attributed Lives;
- Encouraging infrastructure investment;
- Encouraging investment in re-designed care processes for high quality and efficient services delivery;
- Carrying out any obligation or duty under the Vermont ACO Initiative or the Vermont Medicaid NextGen Program (together “Programs”);
- Direct patient care to Attributed Lives;
- Promoting evidence based medicine;
- Promoting patient engagement;
- Reporting on quality and cost measures for Attributed Lives;
- Coordinating care with telehealth, remote monitoring and other technologies for Attributed Lives;
- Establishing and improving ACO clinical systems;
- Establishing and improving ACO administrative systems;
- Meeting Programs quality standards;
- Evaluating patient health for Attributed Lives;
- Communicating clinical knowledge to Attributed Lives;



- Communicating evidence based medicine; and
- Developing standards for patient access and communication including to medical records.

OneCare, in furtherance of its strategic goals and in pursuit of ACO Activities, established an Innovation Fund and solicited proposals for delivery system innovations that could be funded with the Fund and promote the ACO's interests. All submitted proposals were vetted by a panel of reviewers that included OneCare staff and members of the Population Health Strategy Committee of the Board. The proposals selected by the reviewers were presented to the Population Health Strategy Committee who recommended a subset to the full Board. The full Board then voted to proceed with funding three selected projects that best suited the needs of the ACO and its communities.

The OneCare Board of Managers has duly authorized the arrangements below and made a bona fide determination that each arrangement is reasonably related to one or more of the above ACO Activities. The descriptions of the relevant arrangements are set forth below for the purpose of OneCare availing itself of the protections afforded under the ACO Participation Waiver.

1. **Ocular TeleHealth in Primary Care**– This project will be run by co-applicants who are both OneCare Participants: UVMMC Ophthalmology department and Porter Medical Center, Primary Care. The project will partner Porter primary care sites with an ophthalmologist at UVMMC. The Primary Care sites will deploy an ocular telehealth system with an automated retinal camera that will be used to screen adult diabetic patients for retinopathy when they present for routine visits. The retinal images will be interpreted by a UVMMC specialist who will transmit a management recommendation and result back to the primary care physician. The follow up care may result in referrals between Porter and UVMMC, but patients will be provided with a choice of follow up care providers. OneCare will provide funding for ophthalmology staffing, staffing at the primary care practices and the ocular screening equipment. This arrangement is established in an Innovation Funds Agreement between OneCare and the Applicants.
2. **Youth Psychiatric Urgent Care Model** – This project will be run by Applicant United Counseling Service (“USC”), a contracted OneCare provider, in partnership with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (“SVMC”), a OneCare Participant. The project will pilot a psychiatric urgent care center, run by and at USC, to address increasing utilization of the ED by mental health patients, particularly children transported by schools or law enforcement as a result of disruptive classroom behaviors. There will likely be referrals between USC and SVMC or affiliated



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