



OneCare Vermont

Talking Points on OneCare for 2023

- OneCare Vermont is working to improve the health of Vermonters and ultimately, lower the cost of health care. OneCare is the state's Accountable Care Organization (ACO) that partners with health insurance companies, hospitals, independent medical practices and community health organizations to support providers and move our health care system towards a more affordable model that pays for value and health outcomes rather than various services, such as tests and operations.
- OneCare is working. OneCare is improving the quality of care and reducing costs in Vermont. There are over 5,000 providers in OneCare that are delivering higher quality care and more savings to over 200,000 Vermonters. Since 2018, OneCare has converted \$1.4 billion to value-based care. One Care is delivering:
 - **Lower Costs:** Vermont has been able to reduce high-cost services such as inpatient and emergency room visits as well as overall Medicaid cost growth. OneCare achieved Medicare gross spending reductions in all years it was evaluated by the federal government.
 - **Quality:** OneCare's providers have consistently scored above average on quality of care. For example, in 2021 OneCare providers scored in the 90th percentile nationally for diabetes management.
 - **Access to Quality Primary Care.** Access to primary care is critical to any good healthcare system and thanks to OneCare's predictable monthly payments, primary care practices across the state are more viable and sustainable. Since 2018, OneCare has invested over \$138 million in primary care in Vermont.
 - **Savings:** According to rigorous federal evaluations, OneCare has realized significant health care savings, with over \$50 million in Medicare savings since 2018.
 - **Unity and Coordination amongst health care leaders.** OneCare provides an important, unifying forum for providers, payers, and the state to engage in meaningful discussions about healthcare reform and set goals. This model is strengthening relationships among a variety of providers, which is proving to be critical during the pandemic.
- OneCare is holding more than 5,000 Vermont health care providers responsible for the cost and quality of the care they provide through payment contracts.

- OneCare makes available support services to providers so that they can reduce costs and improve quality. These services include:
 - Data to help identify which Vermonters need outreach and where areas of care need to improve
 - Waivers from rules that get in the way of high-quality patient care
 - Financial support that pays for care coordinators, community health workers, and other services that contribute to well-coordinated care for patients.
- Between 30 and 40 percent of Vermont residents will receive care that is partially linked to outcomes-based payments in 2023.
- Stabilized access to primary care. Due to the predictable monthly funding from OneCare, Vermonters have maintained access to primary care, the heart of a better model for care delivery.
- Providers in OneCare are delivering higher quality care and more savings. Reforming the health care system is imperative and we are making progress.
- While health care reform isn't simple and isn't going to happen overnight, OneCare's efforts to improve the quality of health care and lower costs is a giant step in the right direction.

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