



OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization
Board of Managers Resolution Invoking
Participation Waiver for Transport from
Hospitals and Emergency Departments to
Participant Southwestern Vermont Medical
Center for Inpatient Treatment
April 16, 2024

WHEREAS, 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.

WHEREAS, in December 2023, this Board approved a Participation Waiver for the following project and found that it was “reasonably related to ACO Activities:”

1. ACO Participant SVMC will contract Rescue Inc., a Vermont ambulance company, to be available to with a staffed ambulance to transport Attributed Lives and Vermont residents from emergency departments and hospitals to SVMC for inpatient treatment, M-F 10am-6pm.

Eligible patients will be identified by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center’s Capacity Coordination Center, staffed by professionals able to assess patients’ medical needs and appropriate medical placement. All patients will consent to their inpatient provider.

SVMC will pay Rescue Inc. a base payment annually to maintain this capacity. Additionally, SVMC will pay Rescue Inc. a mileage fee for the miles they drive from Brattleboro to the patient, to SVMC with the patient and back to Brattleboro. Rescue, Inc. will, in addition to the availability and mileage fees, bill patients or their insurers for the transportation provided.

WHEREAS, the completion of the underlying contracts for the arrangement was unexpectedly delayed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board re-affirms its approval of the arrangement described above, and recognizes that the delay in contracting does affect its approval.