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CHAC Board Votes to Continue Working toward an All-Payer Model

Community Health Accountable Care, LLC's (CHAC) governing board, on February 17, 2016, passed a resolution supporting the state's efforts to establish an all-payer model (APM) for Vermont and agreeing to join a single Accountable Care Organization (ACO) if certain financial, clinical and integration elements are addressed. The text of the board's resolution follows:

Be it resolved that CHAC supports the development of an all-payer model of healthcare for Vermont. The CHAC board is encouraged that significant progress has been made, but notes there are many key unanswered questions on how the model would operate and what the revenues and expenditures would be under the model. Therefore, CHAC agrees to join a single Accountable Care Organization (ACO) following a process in which the ACOs and other stakeholders work together to achieve progress and agreement on the following key elements by May 1, and incorporate those elements into the business plan. Those key elements include:

- Consistent with the aims of the memorandum of understanding under which we are currently working, a draft business plan that shows what revenues are available, estimated savings, how those revenues will be spent by the ACO, and what investments will be made.
- Consistent with the draft terms of the all payer model, a plan for strengthening and expanding integrated primary care services.
- Consistent with the principles of community focus embedded in the single ACO draft business plan, a plan for how to utilize and include in the model those community partners that will have a significant impact on reducing health costs.

Community Health Accountable Care, LLC is a primary care-based network of providers, ideally positioned to provide access to high-quality, low-cost, comprehensive primary care services to all patients seeking care within the communities they serve. CHAC's philosophy for caring for patients is built upon the federally qualified health center commitment to provide access to care to all who seek it. The strategies employed by CHAC primary care providers build upon the long-standing quality improvement, population health management, and advanced health information technology programs that our members have developed together.

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