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Mike Smith
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Dear Secretary Smith:

In accordance with the Vermont's Global Commitment to Health section 1115(a) demonstration Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review and is updating the investments in Attachment H with five new Delivery System investments. Four of the investments meet the requirements specified in Attachment I: "Menu of Approvable Delivery System Investments" and the fifth investment meets the requirement specified in STC 82(c) of providing public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont. The update in the list of investments does not modify the previously granted expenditure authority for these investments and CMS is not changing the cap on investments as stipulated in STC 84 (\$136.5 million (total computable)).

The investments are listed below along with a description of how the investments meet the requirements specified in Attachment I:

- 1) Category #1(b)(4) – OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Expanded Advanced Community Care Coordination. This investment meets the requirements of Category #1(b)(4) "Advanced Community Care Coordination Projects" because the investment assists the accountable care organization (ACO) in expanding upon current programs to enhance the delivery of care, in addition to offering beneficiaries improved management of their chronic conditions. The state confirmed this investment is strictly administrative in nature. Therefore, the state will claim this investment at the 50 percent administrative matching rate. The state expects this investment will cost \$5.5 million (total computable) for Calendar Year 2020.
- 2) Category #1(b)(1) – OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Primary Prevention Development Investment. This investment meets the requirements of Category #1(b)(1) for "Primary and Secondary Prevention Development" projects because the investment includes payments to expand a disease-specific program revolving around tackling obesity, in addition to supporting community-focused health

and wellness programs to reduce the prevalence of obesity. The state confirmed this investment is strictly administrative in nature. Therefore, the state will claim this investment at the 50 percent administrative matching rate. The state expects this investment will cost \$1.8 million (total computable) for Calendar Year 2020.

- 3) Category #1(b)(2) – OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Mental Health Investment. This investment meets the requirements of “Community-Based Provider Capacity” by building integration between essential community providers and increasing community-based provider capacity. Under this investment, Vermont will increase the availability of mental health counselors and mental health navigators, and expand Zero Suicide activities. As this investment involves both administrative work and medical services, the state will claim this investment at regular FMAP for services delivered and will claim the Zero Suicide administrative activities at the 50 percent administrative matching rate. The state expects this investment will cost \$0.5 million (total computable) for Calendar Year 2020.
- 4) Category #1(a) – OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Quality and Health Management Measurement Improvement Initiative. This investment meets the requirements of “Quality and Health Management Measurement Improvement Projects” by improving the functionality of health information technology tools, and support the state’s efforts to improve the quality of information across the state. The state confirmed this investment is strictly administrative in nature. Therefore, the state will claim this investment at the 50 percent administrative matching rate. The state expects this investment will cost \$0.7 million (total computable) for Calendar Year 2020.
- 5) Vermont Achievement Center – Mandala and Sanctuary Houses. This investment meets the requirement of STC #82(c) by providing supportive services and coaching to assist individuals in developing skills, seeking employment, and improving their health. As this investment involves the provision of services, the state will claim this investment at its Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). The state expects this investment will cost \$743,107 (total computable) for Calendar Year 2020.

CMS has incorporated the updated investments in Attachment H of the STCs. Please find enclosed the updated Attachment H.

If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. Eli Greenfield. Mr. Greenfield is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115(a) demonstration and his contact information is as follows:

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We look forward to our continued partnership on the Vermont Global Commitment to Health section 1115(a) demonstration.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ATTACHMENT H
List of Approved Investments

No.	Investment Name
1.	Residential Care for Youth/Substitute Care
2.	Lund Home: IMD
3.	Institution for Mental Disease Services: DMH
4.	Return House
5.	Northern Lights
6.	Pathways to Housing
7.	Institution for Mental Disease Services: DVHA
8.	Vermont Information Technology Leaders HIT/HIE/HCR
9.	Addison Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) (Challenges for Change)
10.	Vermont Physician Training
11.	Non-state plan Related Education Fund Investments
12.	Mental Health Children's Community Services
13.	Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Services
14.	St. Albans and United Counseling Service Transitional Housing (Challenges for Change)
15.	Northeast Kingdom Community Action
16.	Mental Health CRT Community Support Services
17.	Recovery Centers
18.	Patient Safety Net Services
19.	Emergency Medical Services
20.	Vermont Veterans Home
21.	Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)
22.	Emergency Support Fund
23.	Public Inebriate Program (Challenges for Change)
24.	CHIP Vaccines
25.	Physician/Dentist Loan Repayment Program
26.	Strengthening Families
27.	Flexible Family/Respite Funding
28.	Special Payments for Treatment Plan Services
29.	Emergency Mental Health for Children and Adults
30.	Substance Use Disorder Treatment
31.	Health Laboratory
32.	Health Professional Training
33.	Prevent Child Abuse Vermont: Shaken Baby
34.	Prevent Child Abuse Vermont: Nurturing Parent
35.	Building Bright Futures
36.	Agriculture Public Health Initiatives
37.	WIC Coverage
38.	Fluoride Treatment
39.	Health Research and Statistics

No.	Investment Name
40.	Epidemiology
41.	United Ways 2-1-1
42.	Quality Review of Home Health Agencies
43.	Support and Services at Home (SASH)
44.	Vermont Blueprint for Health
45.	Green Mountain Care Board
46.	Immunization
47.	Patient Safety - Adverse Events
48.	Poison Control
49.	Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
50.	Tobacco Cessation: Community Coalitions
51.	Vermont Blueprint for Health
52.	Buy-In
53.	HIV Drug Coverage
54.	Designated Agency Underinsured Services
55.	Medical Services
56.	Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled CCL Level III
57.	Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled Res Care Level III
58.	Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled Res Care Level IV
59.	Essential Person Program
60.	GA Medical Expenses
61.	Therapeutic Child Care
62.	Lamoille Valley Community Justice Project
63.	Mobility Training/Other Services-Elderly Visually Impaired
64.	DS Special Payments for Medical Services
65.	Seriously Functionally Impaired: DAIL
66.	MH Outpatient Services for Adults
67.	Respite Services for Youth with SED and their Families
68.	Seriously Functionally Impaired: DMH
69.	Intensive Substance Abuse Program (ISAP)
70.	Intensive Domestic Violence Program
71.	Community Rehabilitative Care
72.	Family Supports
73.	Renal Disease
74.	TB Medical Services
75.	Family Planning
76.	Statewide Tobacco Cessation
77.	Home Sharing
78.	Self-Neglect Initiative
79.	Mental Health Consumer Support Programs

No.	Investment Name
80.	Intensive Sexual Abuse Prevention Program
81.	OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Quality and Health Management Measurement Improvement Investment
82.	OneCare Vermont ACO Advanced Community Care Coordination
83.	One Care Accountable Care Organization Primary Prevention Development Investment
84.	OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Expanded Advanced Community Care Coordination
85.	OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Mental Health Investment
86.	OneCare Vermont Accountable Care Organization Quality and Health Management Measurement Improvement Initiative
87.	Vermont Achievement Center – Mandala and Sanctuary Houses

