

Vermont Community Hospitals
Cost Shift by Hospital

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget				
Provider	Total Payments under Cost	Medicare Payments under Cost	Medicaid Payments under Cost	Uncompensated (Non-payment) Cost of Care
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	\$16,366,089	-\$4,938,053	-\$7,618,951	-\$3,809,085
Central Vermont Hospital	\$23,283,216	-\$8,276,002	-\$10,052,461	-\$4,954,754
Copley Hospital	\$11,334,585	-\$2,261,583	-\$7,159,197	-\$1,913,805
Gifford Medical Center	\$9,942,462	-\$1,132,341	-\$6,482,778	-\$2,327,344
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$172,889	\$2,101,525	-\$1,649,618	-\$624,796
Mount Ascutney Hospital	\$3,445,606	\$2,350,281	-\$3,892,150	-\$1,903,736
North Country Hospital	\$15,263,325	-\$2,210,322	-\$11,024,860	-\$2,028,143
Northeastern VT Regional Hospital	\$13,958,223	-\$4,424,391	-\$6,749,879	-\$2,783,953
Northwestern Medical Center	\$12,992,535	-\$3,298,175	-\$6,207,381	-\$3,486,978
Porter Medical Center	\$11,417,324	-\$2,036,009	-\$7,090,587	-\$2,290,728
Rutland Regional Medical Center	\$57,252,211	-\$34,173,841	-\$16,846,038	-\$6,232,332
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	\$30,006,411	-\$14,195,593	-\$12,412,942	-\$3,397,876
Springfield Hospital	\$8,334,833	-\$642,243	-\$4,372,432	-\$3,320,158
The University of Vermont Medical Center	\$212,271,806	-\$117,765,452	-\$74,946,154	-\$19,560,200
SYSTEM	\$426,041,516	-\$190,902,198	-\$176,505,430	-\$58,633,887
MEDIAN	\$13,475,379	-\$2,779,879	-\$7,124,892	-\$3,052,055
MEDIAN - Critical Access Hospitals	\$13,475,379	-\$2,779,879	-\$6,954,538	-\$2,406,048

Fiscal Year 2015 Actual				
Provider	Total Payments under Cost	Medicare Payments under Cost	Medicaid Payments under Cost	Uncompensated (Non-payment) Cost of Care
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	\$16,016,541	-\$3,426,464	-\$8,751,860	-\$3,838,217
Central Vermont Hospital	\$22,868,288	-\$8,706,874	-\$9,857,975	-\$4,303,439
Copley Hospital	\$11,914,933	-\$2,830,563	-\$7,563,622	-\$1,520,748
Gifford Medical Center	\$8,288,141	-\$1,922,917	-\$5,116,477	-\$1,248,747
Grace Cottage Hospital	-\$42,879	\$2,238,505	-\$1,688,976	-\$506,650
Mount Ascutney Hospital	\$5,186,742	-\$124,947	-\$3,843,478	-\$1,218,316
North Country Hospital	\$14,143,759	-\$2,530,920	-\$9,480,767	-\$2,132,072
Northeastern VT Regional Hospital	\$12,430,664	-\$3,413,007	-\$6,410,084	-\$2,607,573
Northwestern Medical Center	\$15,292,227	-\$3,668,440	-\$8,883,688	-\$2,740,099
Porter Medical Center	\$8,972,472	-\$232,505	-\$6,567,790	-\$2,172,177
Rutland Regional Medical Center	\$55,406,693	-\$28,953,781	-\$22,079,674	-\$4,373,238
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	\$24,111,338	-\$9,186,771	-\$11,888,259	-\$3,036,308
Springfield Hospital	\$9,009,986	-\$739,847	-\$5,188,647	-\$3,081,491
The University of Vermont Medical Center	\$200,221,911	-\$109,704,545	-\$76,794,060	-\$13,723,306
SYSTEM	\$403,820,817	-\$173,203,078	-\$184,115,357	-\$46,502,382
MEDIAN	\$13,287,212	-\$3,121,785	-\$8,157,741	-\$2,673,836
MEDIAN - Critical Access Hospitals	\$13,287,212	-\$3,121,785	-\$8,223,655	-\$2,369,823

This table shows the amount of underpayments (compared to cost) by Medicare, Medicaid, and Uncompensated Care (free care and bad debt expenses). The left column shows the total of these underpayments and is the amount that is shifted to other payers. This total is the cost shift.

A hospital incurs costs to provide services to their patients. All patients, regardless of their ability to pay, are billed the same amount for the same service. Sometimes the payment received by the hospital is less than cost for the services provided. This includes payments from uninsured, Medicare, and Medicaid patients. When the payment doesn't cover the cost to provide those services, this unreimbursed cost is passed on to other payers; this is the "cost shift". The ability to cost shift helps the hospital recover funds it would not otherwise receive in order to maintain its financial health.