Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Analysis

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SUMMARY OF BUDGET

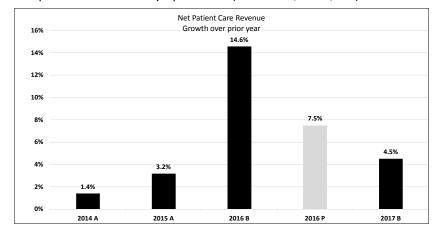
	2015 A	2016 B	2017 B	B16-B17 Change \$	B16-B17 Change %
Gross Patient Care Revenue	\$ 22,650,537	\$ 25,772,227	\$ 28,407,778	\$ 2,635,551	10.2%
Net Patient Care Revenue	\$ 16,038,766	\$ 18,375,041	\$ 19,205,503	830,462	4.5%
Other Operating Revenue	\$ 920,058	\$ 1,062,338	\$ 1,186,377	124,039	11.7%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 16,958,824	\$ 19,437,379	\$ 20,391,880	\$ 954,501	4.9%
Operating Expense	\$ 18,614,414	\$ 19,846,438	\$ 20,591,302	\$ 744,864	3.8%
Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ (1,655,590)	\$ (409,059)	\$ (199,422)	\$ 209,637	-51.2%
Non Operating Revenue	\$ 943,756	\$ 564,157	\$ 743,534	\$ 179,377	31.8%
Excess (Deficit) of Rev over Exp	\$ (711,834)	\$ 155,098	\$ 544,112	\$ 389,014	250.8%
Operating Margin %	-9.8%	-2.1%	-1.0%		
Total Margin %	-4.0%	0.8%	2.6%		

B16	-B17 Change \$ All Hospitals	B16-B17 Change % All Hospitals
\$	134,233,796	2.7%
	114,474,070	5.0%
	6,477,684	4.7%
\$	120,951,754	4.9%
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\$	119,502,747	5.0%
	-	-
\$	1,449,007	2.1%
\$	-	
\$	4,835,590	15.7%
\$	-	
\$	6,284,597	6.3%

The hospital has prepared a budget with a net patient revenues (NPR) increase of 4.5%. The increase over 3.4% is directly related to trying to improve the hospital's operating income which historically has been a loss. Other operating revenues such as meaningful use (\$76,000) amd 340B funds (\$722,000) alos contribute to the hospital's **operating income (loss)**.

The overall **total surplus** is higher as the hospital expects to get contributions from the community to support the hospital. The hospital historically has relied on the community to achieve an overall positive operating income.

Page 3 and 4 explain the hospital NPR increase by operations (utilization, rates, etc) and the change for each payer.



Note: The 2016 projected change is measured from Actual 2015.

RATE AND NET PATIENT REVENUE INCREASE

Rate is the average change in price for services provided.

	2013 Approved	2014 Approved	2015 Approved	2016 Approved	2017 Submitted
Weighted Average rate for all hospitals	7.9%	5.2%	6.8%	4.4%	2.2%
Grace Cottage Hospital Rate Request	6.5%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Hospital Inpatient					5.3%
Hospital Outpatient					5.3%
Professional Services					4.0%
Nursing Home					0.0%
Home Health					5.3%
Other					0.0%

The 5% rate increase is not across the board as the hospital has 5.3% increases budgeted for inpatient, outpatient, and home health and 4.0% increase for physician services. The rate increase will generate \$433,617 of the \$830,462 NPR increase. The balance will be earned by higher utilization and reduced costs related to bad debt and free care.

The hospital's NPR is projected to be lower in 2016 because they were not successful in negotiating the approved rate with commerical payers.

	2016 Approved	2017 Submitted	B16-B17 Change	B16-B17 Change	
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Net Patient Revenue change	\$ 18,375,041	\$ 19,205,503	\$ 830,462	4.5%	
NPR changes due to:				_	
Rate request			\$ 433,617	5.0%	The estimated effect of the 2017 rate request.
Commercial Ask Negotiations			\$ (317,302)	Negotiations in 20	116 rate request that were unsuccessful.
Utilization			\$ 499,836	Medicare and med	dicaid patients.
Other major program change			\$ -		
Physcian Acquisition or reduction			\$ -		
Free care			\$ 66,608	Reduction in patie	ent cases and/or services.
Bad debt			\$ 147,703	Some savings from	m better collection efforts.
Dispro share change			\$ -		
Other NPR changes			\$ -		
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Total NPR changes			\$ 830,462		

		Grace Co	ttage Hospita	ıl					
NET DAVED DEVE	THE CHANGE		Projection		B16-B17	B16-B17 %	NPR From	NPR From All	
NET PAYER REVE	NUE CHANGE	FY2016	FY2016	FY2017	\$Change	change	Rate	Other	This schedule shows the NPR increase
All Payers	Gross Revenue	\$25,772,227	\$25,180,563	\$28,407,778	\$2,635,551	10.2%			by each major payer, including those
	Allowances	(\$6,512,017)	(\$7,348,116)	(\$8,531,417)	(\$2,019,400)	31.0%			receiving care as bad debt or free
	Bad Debt	(\$623,933)	(\$417,708)	(\$476,230)	\$147,703	-23.7%			care. The schedule identifies the NPR
	Free Care	(\$261,236)	(\$172,010)	(\$194,628)	\$66,608	-25.5%			increase related to rates separate
	Disproportionate Share Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			from all other increases.
	Graduate Medical Education Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Net Payer Revenue	\$18,375,041	\$17,242,729	\$19,205,503	\$830,462	4.5%	\$433,617	\$396,845	
								ı	The Commercial revenues reflect the
Commercial	Gross Revenue	\$8,079,739	\$7,431,547	\$8,515,247	\$435,508	5.4%			planned rate increase dollars for this year
	Allowances	(\$2,053,340)	(\$2,196,821)	(\$2,558,442)	(\$505,102)				('17) offset by rate dollars the hospital was
	Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			unable to negotiate last year ('16).
	Free Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Disproportionate Share Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Graduate Medical Education Payments	\$0	\$0	. \$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Net Payer Revenue	\$6,026,399	\$5,234,726	\$5,956,805	(\$69,594)	-1.2%	\$302,314	-\$371,908	
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Medicaid	Gross Revenue	\$4,132,565	\$4,364,852	\$5,009,268	\$876,703	21.2%			increases in Medicaid revenues with their rate increase.
	Allowances	(\$2,340,659)	(\$2,531,860)	(\$2,940,979)	(\$600,320)				rate increase.
	Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Free Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Disproportionate Share Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Graduate Medical Education Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	ć.	¢275 202	
	Net Payer Revenue	\$1,791,906	\$1,832,992	\$2,068,289	\$276,383	15.4%	\$0	\$276,383	
Medicare	Gross Revenue	\$13,559,923	\$13,384,164	\$14,883,263	\$1,323,340	9.8%			As a critical care hospital, Medicare rate
	Allowances	(\$2,118,018)	(\$2,619,435)	(\$3,031,996)	(\$913,978)				dollars will increase some as a function of
	Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			costs.
	Free Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Disproportionate Share Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Graduate Medical Education Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%			
	Net Payer Revenue	\$11,441,905	\$10,764,729	\$11,851,267	\$409,362	3.6%	\$131,303	\$278,059	The hospital will explain the change in NPR
									for each payer as part of its budget presentation, including bad debt/free care
Bad Debt/Free Car	re Gross Revenue				\$0	0.0%			changes.
	Allowances				\$0	0.0%			
	Bad Debt	(\$623,933)	(\$417,708)	(\$476,230)	\$147,703	-23.7%			
	Free Care	(\$261,236)	(\$172,010)	(\$194,628)	\$66,608	-25.5%			Page 3 describes the major operational items
	Disproportionate Share Payments				\$0	0.0%			that increase the NPR.
	Graduate Medical Education Payments				\$0	0.0%			
	Net Payer Revenue	(\$885,169)	(\$589,718)	(\$670,858)	\$214,311	-24.2%	\$0	\$214,311	

ANALYSIS AND QUESTIONS

- 1) The hospital's net patient revenues (NPR) are increasing 4.5% over 2016 budget. This exceeds the target by \$205,711. The hospital explains that they are over in this submission because they do not expect to meet the NPR level in 2016 and already operate with a low total operating margin.
 - a) Explain your NPR changes at the budget hearing using the payer schedule provided in the staff's analysis. The GMCB is interested in understanding the changes occurring from budget to budget by payer.
- 2) The hospital is requesting a 5.0% overall rate increase that will be applied to hospital services at 5.25% and physician services at 4%. Is this the rate that is negotiated with commercial payers? Describe the strategy and basis for this increase.
- 3) Describe the changes the hospital is seeing in overall utilization. Is the change across all payers? Are the types (DRGs) of acute admissions the hospital is experiencing changing over the last few years? What information is available that explains the increased ER visits?
- 4) The hospital narrative notes that the Holt Fund grant will help support the budget. Discuss the status of the application for the 2nd four-year grant.
- 5) The hospital notes that it is receiving low reimbursement from both Medicaid and Blue Cross. Is the Holt Grant an opportunity to begin to shift services and reimbursement in a way that will support the hospital going forward?
- 6) Provide a brief update on your re-certification as a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH).
- 7) The hospital quantifies the amount that Medicaid is underpaying them (\$1.3 million) based upon an analysis of cost of services. Describe how Grace Cottage calculates or records costs for each of its payers.
- 8) Briefly describe and discuss the critical role the hospital has identified as part of its Community Health Needs Assessment plan. Discuss the hospital's plans to spend \$3.6 million in capital for physician office space in FY 2018.
- 9) The hospital explains that bad debt is lower because of improved collection efforts. Free care also shows a decline as a % of overall gross revenue. Describe the changes the hospital is seeing with free care services and/or patients.
- 10) Are the FY 16 projections for net revenues, expenditures, and surplus as reported still valid? If not, describe any material changes.
- 11)Describe the hospital's efforts with local mental health and other providers to strengthen community health services. Describe any successes and identify limitations of those efforts.

Grac	e Cottage H	lospital					Vt Median	Northeast CAH	Other Non- Profit	100 - 199 Beds	All Teaching
KEY INDICATORS	2013 A	2014 A	2015 A	2016 B	2016 P	2017 B	2017 B	ι	J.S. Benchma	rks FY2014	
Net Patient Revenue Change		1.4%	3.2%	14.6%		4.5%					
Overall Rates	7%	6%	5%	5%		5.0%					
Utilization											
Total Average Daily Census	10	10	10	10	10	10	23.2	-	80	72	192
Acute ALOS	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.3	-	-	-	-
Acute Admissions	169	179	130	142	142	142	1,626	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Admissions	3,089	2,933	2,477	2,586	2,536	2,727	8,261	-	-	-	-
Capital											
Age of Plant	6.7	7.7	10.4	16.0	17.7	20.1	12.0	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.2
Long Term Debt to Capitalization	27.7%	25.7%	29.0%	21.9%	31.9%	27.0%	26.9%	27.1%	31.2%	23.5%	30.6%
Capital Expenditures to Depreciation	27.8%	12.5%	83.5%	161.7%	81.2%	135.3%	131.2%	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.1	1.6	(1.3)	0.6	(0.3)	0.8	4.2	4.4	2.8	3.0	5.0
Revenue											
Bad Debt %	3.5%	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	5.6%	5.5%	6.7%	4.1%
Free Care %	1.5%	1.4%	0.9%	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	-	-	-	-
Operating Margin %	-6.4%	-6.9%	-9.8%	-2.1%	-5.9%	-1.0%	1.9%	-2.4%	0.7%	2.8%	3.0%
Total Margin %	-0.5%	-2.7%	-4.0%	0.8%	0.5%	2.6%	3.2%	3.2%	3.7%	5.7%	5.6%
Productivity & Staffing											
FTEs per 100 Adj Discharges	4.3	4.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.6	_	_	_	_
Overhead Expense w/ fringe, as a % of Total Operating Exp	32.5%	33.7%	34.3%	34.0%	32.6%	33.2%	26.1%	_	_		_
Non MD FTEs	133	126	131	141	136	140	20.170	_	_	_	_
Physician FTEs	6.8	8.1	8.9	9.7	9.4	9.6		_	-	_	-
Cost & Revenue Unit of Measure	0.0	0.1	0.5	31.	311	5.0					
Cost & Revenue Offit of Measure Cost per Adjusted Admission	5,644	5,960	7,514	7,674	7,617	7,552	10,264	_	7,557	7,453	7,645
Salary & Benefits per FTE - Non-MD	74,169	74,803	7,514	81,316	81,023	85,261	79,628	-	7,557	7,455	7,045
Gross Revenue per Adj Admission	6,607	7,836	9,143	9,966	9,928	10,419	20,280	_			-
	0,007	7,830	3,143	3,300	3,320	10,413	20,200				
Liquidity											
Current Ratio	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	2.9	1.4	2.3	1.7	1.8
Days Cash on Hand	72	81	76	81	81	77	129	99	74	75	110
Cash to Long Term Debt	117%	155%	160%	235%	157%	183%	183%	-	-	-	-
Payer											
Medicare Gross as % of Tot Gross Rev	52%	53%	54%	53%	53%	52%	41%	-	-	-	-
Medicaid Gross as % of Tot Gross Rev	15%	15%	16%	16%	17%	18%	19%	-	-	-	-
Comm/self Gross as % of Tot Gross Rev	33%	31%	30%	31%	30%	30%	36%	-	-	-	-
Medicare % of Net Rev (incl DSH)	63%	62%	66%	62%	62%	62%	35%	-	-	-	-
Medicaid % of Net Rev (incl DSH)	9%	9%	9%	10%	11%	11%	12%	-	-	-	-
Comm/self % of Net Rev (incl DSH)	28%	29%	26%	28%	27%	28%	50%	-	-	-	-

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			Grace Co	ttage Hospital				
PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT		2014 A	2015 A	2016 B	2016 P	2017 B	B16-B17 Change	B16-B17 Change %
Revenues								
Gross Patient Care Revenue	\$	22,980,699 \$	22,650,537 \$	25,772,227 \$	25,180,563 \$	28,407,778	\$ 2,635,551	10.2%
Disproportionate Share Payments		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bad Debt		(623,521)	(525,606)	(623,933)	(417,708)	(476,230)	147,703	-23.7%
Free Care		(331,918)	(196,472)	(261,236)	(172,010)	(194,628)	66,608	-25.5%
Graduate Medical Education		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Deductions from Revenue	_	(6,481,973)	(5,889,693)	(6,512,017)	(7,348,116)	(8,531,417)	(2,019,400)	31.0%
Net Patient Care Revenue	\$	15,543,287 \$	16,038,766 \$	18,375,041 \$	17,242,729 \$	19,205,503	\$ 830,462	4.5%
		1.4%	3.2%	14.6%	7.5%	4.5%		
Other Operating Revenue	\$	800,262 \$	920,058 \$	1,062,338 \$	994,920 \$	1,186,377	\$ 124,039	11.7%
Total Operating Revenue	Ś	16.343.549 \$	16,958,824 \$	19,437,379 \$	18.237.649 \$	20.391.880	\$ 954.501	4.9%
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Operating Expense								
Salaries Non MD		7,417,769	7,907,721	8,695,517	8,342,005	8,932,279	236,762	2.7%
Fringe Benefits Non MD		1,986,443	2,326,337	2,756,180	2,681,191	3,044,319	288,139	10.5%
Fringe Benefits MD Physician Fees Salaries Contracts &		336,227	345,204	423,280	419,019	443,884	20,604	4.9%
Fringes		1,781,788	2,040,342	2,306,546	2,265,617	2,253,780	(52,766)	-2.3%
Health Care Provider Tax		623,191	536,205	622,551	621,492	618,577	(3,974)	-0.6%
Depreciation Amortization		1,391,853	1,134,712	786,377	708,941	656,184	(130,193)	-16.6%
Interest - Short Term		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest - Long Term		66,220	139,854	150,912	158,626	143,906	(7,006)	-4.6%
Other Operating Expense		3,875,863	4,184,039	4,105,075	4,123,720	4,498,373	393,298	9.6%
Total Operating Expense	\$	17,479,354 \$	18,614,414 \$	19,846,438 \$	19,320,611 \$	20,591,302	\$ 744,864	3.8%
Year over Year Chang	e	0.2%	6.5%	6.6%	-	3.8%		
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(1,135,805) \$	(1,655,590) \$	(409,059) \$	(1,082,962) \$	(199,422)	\$ 209,637	-51.2%
Non-Operating Revenue	\$	670,524 \$	943,756 \$	564,157 \$	1,178,581 \$	743,534	\$ -	0.0%
Excess (Deficit) Of Revenue Over Expense	\$	(465,281) \$	(711,834) \$	155,098 \$	95,619 \$	544,112		

The hospital does not receive any disproportionate share payments because it does not meet DVHA's requirements.

Bad debt and free care are estimated to have lower costs and/or cases.

Over \$721,000 of "other operating revenue" is made up of 340B pharmacy funds.

Fringe and other operating costs make the largest increase in expenses.

The hospital has budgeted a smaller operating loss than recent experience as it attempts to slowly build in an ongoing operating surplus.

	Grace	Cottage Hospita	al				
UTILIZATION & STAFFING	2014 A	2015 A	2016 B	2016 P	2017 B	B16-B17 Change	
UTILIZATION							
Adjusted Admissions	2,933	2,477	2,586	2,536	2,727	5.4%	
Acute Admissions	179	130	142	142	142	0.0%	The only areas showing significant
Acute Average Length Of Stay	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.9	-8.4%	change over budget are ER visits.
Operating Room Procedure	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	The hospital is reviewing why this is
Operating Room Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	occurring.
Laboratory Tests	63,332	56,945	63,574	58,016	63,123	-0.7%	30001111181
Emergency Room Visits	2,536	2,736	2,546	2,733	3,006	18.1%	
Cat Scan, Radiology - Diagnostic Procedur	4,257	4,012	4,662	4,067	4,468	-4.2%	
Magnetic Resonance Image Exams	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Physician Office Visits	20,007	17,948	22,274	19,541	22,477	0.9%	
Clinics Visits	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
STAFFING							
Non-MD FTEs	126	131	141	136	140	0	
Travelers	3	4	2	2	3	1	
Residents & Fellows	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mid Level Providers	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Physician FTEs	8	9	10	9	10	0	
Total MD and Non MD FTEs	137	144	153	148	153	0	No significant shifts are being
							reflected for FTE or physicians.
Salary & Benefits per FTE - Non-MD \$	74,803 \$	77,843 \$	81,316 \$	81,023 \$	85,261	4.9%	
FTEs Per Adjusted Occupied Bed	5.0	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.4	3.3%	
FTEs per 100 Adj Discharges	4.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2	-5.4%	
Comparative Benchmarks							
Vermont System Averages							
Salary & Benefits per FTE - Non-MD \$	78,162 \$	80,704 \$	82,457 \$	83,286 \$	83,856	1.7%	
FTEs Per Adjusted Occupied Bed	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.1	4.5%	
FTEs per 100 Adj Discharges	7.0	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.5	-0.2%	
U.S. Benchmarks							This handbrook does not exist for NE
FTEs Per Adjusted Occupied Bed							This benchmark does not exist for NE
Northeast Critical Access Hospital	0.00	-	-	-	-		critical access hospitals.
Other Non-Profit	3.60	-	-	-	-		
100 - 199 Beds	3.45	-	-	-	-		
All Teaching	3.45	-	<u>-</u>	-	-		

	Grace	Cottage Hospit	al
SALANCE SHEET	2014 A	2015 A	20
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BALANCE SHEET	2014 A	2015 A	2016 B	2016 P	2017 B
Cash & Investments	\$ 220,593	\$ 195,899	\$ 506,590	\$ 256,529	\$ 261,660
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,970,737	\$ 4,361,068	\$ 4,479,551	\$ 4,129,585	\$ 4,220,597
Board Designated Assets	\$ 3,433,017	\$ 3,537,806	\$ 3,783,725	\$ 3,937,072	\$ 4,010,101
Net, Property, Plant And Equipment	\$ 3,880,812	\$ 3,658,528	\$ 4,114,032	\$ 3,525,306	\$ 3,756,642
Other Long-Term Assets		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$
Total Assets	\$ 11,284,566	\$ 11,557,402	\$ 12,377,308	\$ 11,591,963	\$ 11,987,340
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,338,782	\$ 3,352,552	\$ 3,910,161	\$ 2,948,988	\$ 3,139,831
Long Term Liabilities	\$ 2,293,625	\$ 2,282,126	\$ 1,785,895	\$ 2,624,632	\$ 2,285,054
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance	\$ 6,652,159	\$ 5,922,724	\$ 6,681,252	\$ 6,018,343	\$ 6,562,455
Total Liabilities and Equities	\$ 11,284,566	\$ 11,557,402	\$ 12,377,308	\$ 11,591,963	\$ 11,987,340

The balance sheet shows no significant variances over the last several years. The Board Designated Assets are over \$3 million and slowly increasing.

Grace Cottage Hospital					
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	\$ (64,309) \$	(24,694) \$	310,691 \$	60,630 \$	(244,930)
Days Cash on Hand	80.8	76.1	80.5	80.6	76.7
Long Term Debt to Capitalization	25.7%	29.0%	21.9%	31.9%	27.0%
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.6	(1.3)	0.6	(0.3)	0.8

The hospital's debt position compares favorable with both the Vermont hospital median and NE critical access peers. However, the days cash on hand to "cover" this debt is less favorable when compared to the same peers.

Comparative Benchmarks							
Vermont System Averages							
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	\$ 54,485,429	\$ (13,749,624) \$	(778,512) \$	(3,0	61,249)	\$ (680,856)
Days Cash on Hand	176.3	178.5		179.6		174.8	165.5
Long Term Debt to Capitalization	29.7%	27.6%		31.3%		32.0%	29.5%
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.3	3.7		2.7		2.8	3.1
U.S. Benchmarks							
Northeast Critical Access Hospital							
Days Cash on Hand-Peers	99.3	-		-		-	-
Long Term Debt to Capitalization-Peers	27%	-		-		-	-
Debt Service Coverage Ratio-Peers	4.4	-		-		-	-

Conital Budget	2014 A		201F A		201C B		201 C D		2017 D		2010 Plan		2010 Plan		2020 Pl	
Capital Budget		2014 A	2015 A		2016 B		2016 P		2017 B		2018 Plan		2019 Plan		2020 Plan	
Non-Certificate of Need Capital Plans Total	\$	173,772	\$ 947,065	\$	1,271,738	\$	575,719	\$	887,520	\$	3,604,380	\$	256,614	\$	1,200,494	
Certificate of Need Capital Plans	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Total Capital Purchases	\$	173,772	\$ 947,065	\$	1,271,738	\$	575,719	\$	887,520	\$	3,604,380	\$	256,614	\$	1,200,494	
Grace Cottage Hospital																
Age of Plant		7.7	10.4		16.0		17.7		20.1							
Capital Expenditures to Depreciation		12.5%	83.5%		161.7%		81.2%		135.3%							
Capital Cost % of Total Expense		8.3%	6.8%		4.7%		4.5%		3.9%							
Comparative Benchmarks																
Vermont System Averages																
Age of Plant		10.2	11.4		11.9		11.9		12.3							
Capital Expenditures to Depreciation		80.6%	97.1%		95.1%		96.0%		122.8%							
Capital Cost % of Total Expense		5.9%	5.4%		5.8%		5.6%		5.3%							
U.S. Benchmarks																
Northeast Critical Access Hospital																
Age of Plant-Peers		11.3	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
Capital Expenditures to Depreciation-Peers		0.0%	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
Capital Cost % of Total Expense-Peers		5.8%	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	

The hospital's capital costs are low compared to Vermont peers and the age of plant reflects this, showing much older physical plant and equipment compared to Vermont peers. The recent slowing of capital investments is shown by increase in AOP from 8 years to 20.

When compared nationally, the most recent data shows a different perspective. However, that comparsion is three years old and shows how dramatically the numbers can change for a small hospital.