

Public Comment from Kathy Mahoney, MD, MBA
Re: FY21 Hospital Budget Guidance
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Hi - I tried several times to get in with a question but was unsuccessful. No one could hear me so I thought I would send this message about my questions/comments:

My question was is the board looking at hospital expenses? We talk about the reduction in revenues, but some expenses will likely be reduced too.

With less non-COVID patients, there might be less

Surgeries - less staff needed, less anesthesia expense, less pharmacy

Less non Covid ED visits

Less Imaging

Less labs

Less supplies (surely there is the expense of PPE but less cost for stents, replacement joints, implants, devices, etc)

Care is shifted out - ie Telehealth instead of ED. So more care is provided as an outpatient.

Less referral to hospital with care moved to out pt - ie not doing a CABG and instead treating a heart attack with medication.

Less hi cost labor maybe?- physicians, nurses, etc. Although some areas might have had higher labor costs, many had less.

I don't know if the above expenses are overall increased or decreased during COVID 19 but I would think the board would want more information around these possibilities prior to deciding what to do with a budget. I understand that the board may have seen this information somewhere but I only heard Jessica mention looking at the expense side.

So in summary I would be curious about hospital expense data for March/April.

Thank you - Kathy