

# 2025 Medicare Benchmark Final Recommendation & Vote

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# Staff Recommendation

- Use the *maximum allowable* trend for OneCare Vermont's Medicare Benchmarks:
  - 4.0% for Non-ESRD
  - 7.0% for ESRD
- Request advanced shared savings of \$10,354,645 to fund Blueprint for Health and SASH programs:
  - Blueprint: \$5,463,973
  - SASH: \$4,890,672

# Trade-Offs for Using Maximum Trend



## PROS

- Vermont hospitals are financially fragile, a trend observed nationally.
- The maximum trend will increase the amount of federal dollars available through the current All-Payer Model, especially for Blueprint and SASH.



## CONS

- The maximum trend may endanger the ability of the state to fulfill its financial targets from the APM Agreement.

# Previous Trend Limits & GMCB Decisions



Performance Year	Federal Trend Limits to Date		GMCB Approved Benchmark Trend		Notes
	Non-ESRD	ESRD	Non-ESRD	ESRD	
2018	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	GMCB elected to use the floor provision of the Agreement (maximum allowable trend)
2019	3.8%	3.1%	3.8%	3.1%	Maximum allowable trends
2020	4.0%	2.9%	-7.7%	-2.2%	Retrospective trends due to COVID-19
2021	4.4%	2.3%	17.4%	17.3%	Retrospective trends due to COVID-19
2022	10.4%	7.6%	7.3%	7.3%	Base experience used imputed values for 2020, which increased the baseline experience value
2023	5.2%	3.9%	5.2%	3.9%	Maximum allowable trends
2024	4.5%	6.9%	4.3%	6.7%	Maximum allowable trends

# Questions/Comments

# Proposed Motion Language



*I move to approve a Medicare Benchmark of the staff recommended maximum allowable trend rates of 4.0% for Non-ESRD and 7.0% for ESRD and to include the advance of the \$10,354,645 for the Blueprint for Health and SASH programs.*