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I am sending you BMH's responses to the 4 questions for all VT hospitals, see our response in blue below:

1. FEMA recently extended the time period applicable for COVID-related relief in its public assistance program. What is the approximate magnitude of any potential relief and what considerations have you made in pursuing this potential fund source? If you have already applied indicate any known timing or estimated funds you may receive. *We will apply for funding before the end of the FY. Based on what we have received in the past from FEMA, we would expect the funding to be minimal.*
2. Describe the method(s) used to estimate the effect of inflation on your expenses. Include how the calculations are applied to expense categories (e.g. wage and salary, pharmaceuticals). *For Wages and Salaries, we applied a percentage increase on Wages. On Fuel, we received a pre-buy estimate from our supplier. For Contract Labor, we applied current rate.*
3. How does your organization evaluate the affordability of services for patients? *All of our patients are evaluated for criteria to enroll in the Financial Assistance Program. We track all of our complaints carefully and typically the issues about cost come from patients that have very high deductibles. We do have a patient and family advisory council and they address this topic.*
4. Do you anticipate any changes to your budgeted fixed prospective payments for FY23? *No changes are anticipated.*

Thanks,  
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