

Rutland Regional Medical Center: Budget Modification Request

March 23, 2022

GMCB Health System Finance Team

Legal – GMCB Rule 3.000

3.401 Budget Performance Review and Adjustment

(a) The Board may conduct an independent review of a hospital's performance under the budget established for it by the Board at any time, including in response to an application for an adjustment made by a hospital pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9456(f). This review shall take into consideration the following factors:

- (1) the variability of a hospital's actual revenues, taking into account the resources of payers and the methods of payment used by the payers;
- (2) the hospital's ability to limit services to meet its budget, consistent with its obligations to provide appropriate care for all patients;
- (3) the financial position of the hospital in relation to other hospitals and to the health care system as a whole, using the statistics developed from information submitted in compliance with the uniform reporting manual;
- (4) the hospital's performance under budgets identified or established under subchapter 7 of Chapter 221 of Title 18 of Vermont Statutes Annotated for the previous three years and its budget projections for the next three years; and
- (5) any other considerations deemed appropriate by the Board, including but not limited to other instances in which a hospital has less than full control over the expenditures limited by the budget.

Public Comment (as of 3/22/2022)



- 3 overall public comments:
- 1 - Sarah Teachout – BCBS
- 2 – Members of the public

Changes from 3/16/2022



- Slides 7 and 8 have been updated to capture RRMC's total margin.
- Slide 13 looking at FY22 rate impact and 5-year average and 5-year median has been changed to capture the full effect of an approved 9% mid-year rate on the year-to-year base increase at 12.64%.
- Slide 14-16 indicate how RRMC plans to implement their requested increase on a service level and indicates where RRMC is amongst their peers on rate.
- Slide 18 was amended to capture where RRMC's current margin projection places their DSCR compared to their debt covenant threshold.

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- RRMC's Executive Finance Committee approved request on February 15, 2022
- RRMC submitted request on February 25, 2022
- **Reason for Request**
 - Unanticipated demand for services and workforce challenges in recruiting and maintaining staff.
 - These unanticipated challenges are having an adverse effect on operating expenses that are projecting to exceed approved FY22 budget by nearly \$45 million.
 - Margin erosion due to factors cited above.
- **Financial Update**
 - Increased demand has generated projected gross and net patient/fixed prospective payment revenues to exceed approved budget by 9% and 10.8%, respectively.
 - Other Operating Revenues are 37% over budget due to unbudgeted federal relief (\$7.4 million) which is aiding in offsetting a portion of the rising cost and constraining further margin erosion.
 - Operating Expenses driven by increased demand, workforce pressures and rising costs are projected at 15.3% over approved budget.
 - Result: Operating margin is currently projected to be -\$7.55 million, a 2.3% loss on margin, and a \$7.67 million variance from budget.

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- Request:

- Requesting a 9.0% change in charge (rate) to Gross Charges for specific services from 3.64% approved in September 2021.
- New rate to be effective April 1st

Net Patient Revenue/Fixed Prospective Payment		
FY2022 Approved	FY2022 Projection without Amendment	FY2022 Projection with Amendment
\$270.4 million	\$299.6 million	\$307.0 million

- Financial Impact

- If approved, Total Gross Revenue impact due to rate ONLY is an increase of \$31.8 million – mostly outpatient services and NPR/FPP impact over current projection is an increase of \$7.4 million. NPR value of 1% of request is roughly equal to \$822,222.
- If approved, gross and net patient/fixed prospective payment revenues would be projected to exceed budget by 14% and 13.5%, respectively.
- If approved, no change in projected overage of operating expenses to budget.
- If approved, projected operating margin improvement to -\$187 thousand, a -.01% loss on margin and -\$308.7 thousand variance from approved budget.

Rutland Regional Medical Center: Request for Budget Modification (revised)



Rutland Regional Medical Center						
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Fiscal Year 2022 YTD Summary						
1st Qtr. Through Dec.						
INCOME STATEMENT	2021 A	2022 B	2022 B YTD	2022 YTD	2022 PROJ	2022 PROJ w/ rate increase
Revenues						
Gross Patient Care Revenue	\$637,836,276	\$639,838,632	\$159,959,658	\$176,939,038	\$697,541,994	\$729,301,900
Net Patient Care Revenue	\$275,551,848	\$271,575,178	\$67,893,795	\$77,042,088	\$300,336,994	\$307,703,770
Fixed Prospective Payments and Reserves	\$456,370	-\$1,213,808	-\$303,452	-\$37,720	-\$736,057	-\$736,057
Net Patient Care Rev & Fixed Payments & Reserves	\$276,008,218	\$270,361,370	\$67,590,343	\$77,004,368	\$299,600,937	\$306,967,713
Other Operating Revenue	\$35,347,680	\$20,745,734	\$5,186,434	\$9,784,405	\$28,470,047	\$28,470,047
Total Operating Revenue	\$311,355,898	\$291,107,104	\$72,776,776	\$86,788,773	\$328,070,984	\$335,437,760
Total Operating Expenses	\$304,385,835	\$290,985,741	\$72,746,435	\$87,852,522	\$335,625,075	\$335,625,075
Net Operating Income	\$6,970,064	\$121,363	\$30,341	-\$1,063,749	-\$7,554,091	-\$187,315
Non Operating Revenue	\$28,607,927	\$6,373,864	\$1,593,466	\$2,924,575	-\$4,324,882	-\$4,324,882
Excess (Deficit) of Rev over Exp	\$35,577,990	\$6,495,227	\$1,623,807	\$1,860,826	-\$11,878,973	-\$4,512,197
Income Statement Metrics						
Operating Margin %	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.2%	-2.3%	-0.1%
Total Margin %	10.5%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	-3.7%	-1.4%

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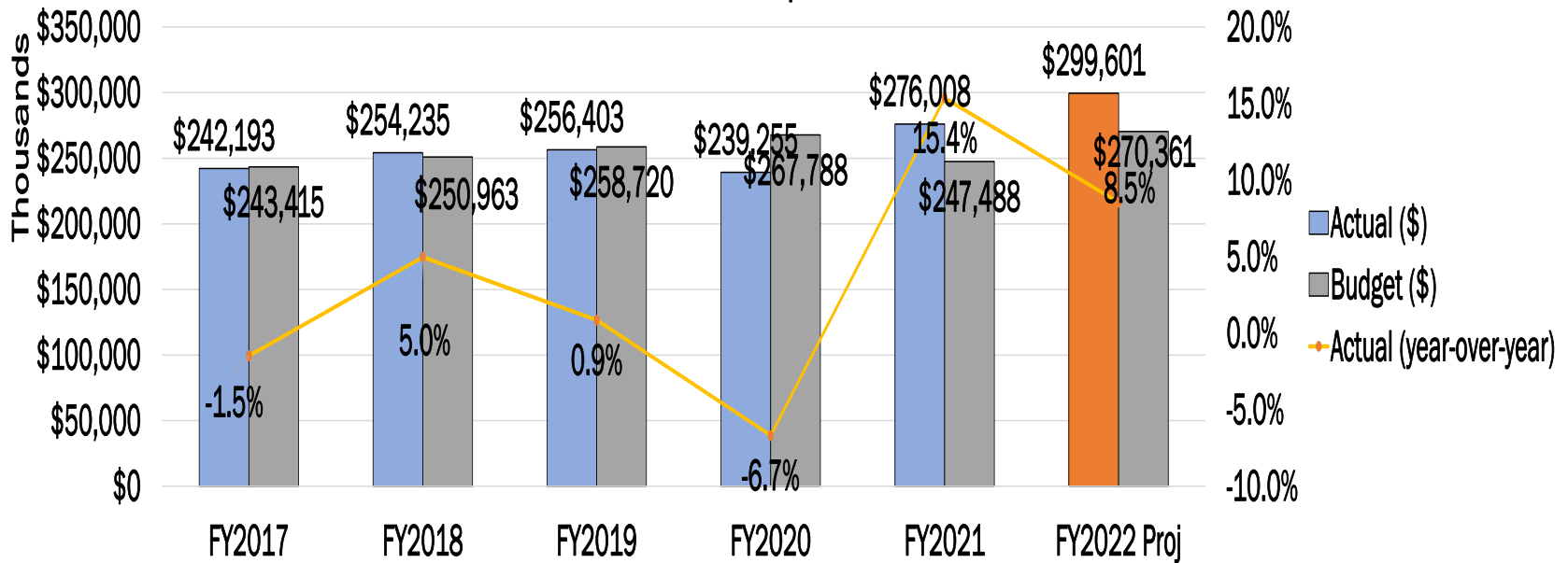


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Net Patient Care Revenue	\$275,551,848	\$271,575,178	\$300,336,994	\$307,703,770	\$28,761,816	\$36,128,592	10.6%	13.3%
Fixed Prospective Payments and Reserves	\$456,370	-\$1,213,808	-\$736,057	-\$736,057	\$477,751	\$477,751	-39.4%	-39.4%
Net Patient Care Rev & Fixed Payments & Reserves	\$276,008,218	\$270,361,370	\$299,600,937	\$306,967,713	\$29,239,567	\$36,606,343	10.8%	13.5%
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Total Operating Revenue	\$311,355,898	\$291,107,104	\$328,070,984	\$335,437,760	\$36,963,880	\$44,330,656	12.7%	15.2%
Total Operating Expenses	\$304,385,835	\$290,985,741	\$335,625,075	\$335,625,075	\$44,639,334	\$44,639,334	15.3%	15.3%
Net Operating Income	\$6,970,064	\$121,363	-\$7,554,091	-\$187,315	-\$7,675,454	-\$308,678	-6324%	-254.3%
Non Operating Revenue	\$28,607,927	\$6,373,864	-\$4,324,882	-\$4,324,882	-\$10,698,746	-\$10,698,746	-168%	-167.9%
Excess (Deficit) of Rev over Exp	\$35,577,990	\$6,495,227	-\$11,878,973	-\$4,512,197	-\$18,374,200	-\$11,007,424	-283%	-169.5%
Income Statement Metrics								
Operating Margin %	2.2%	0.0%	-2.3%	-0.1%	-20.8%	-0.7%		
Total Margin %	10.5%	2.2%	-3.7%	-1.4%	-70.0%	-32.7%		

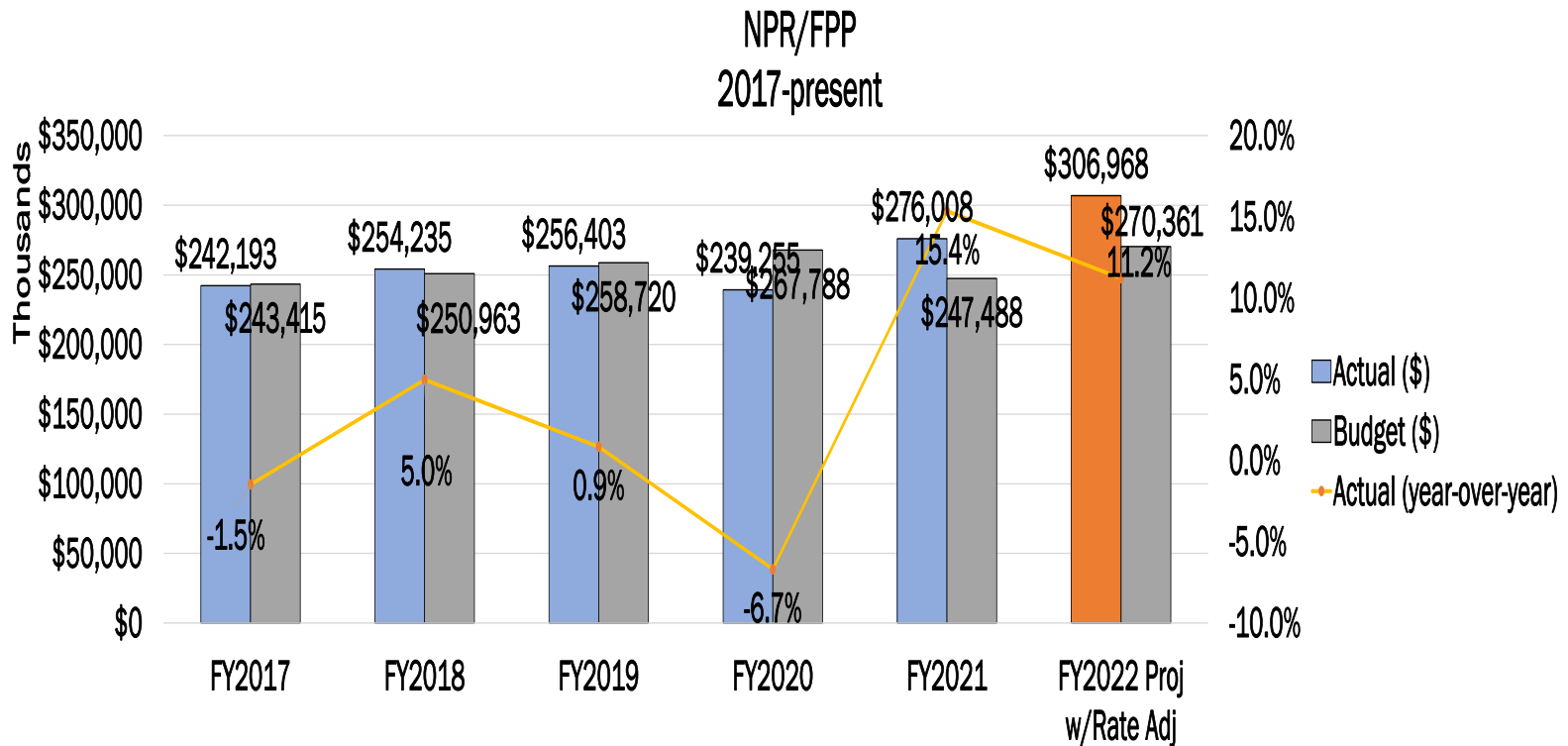
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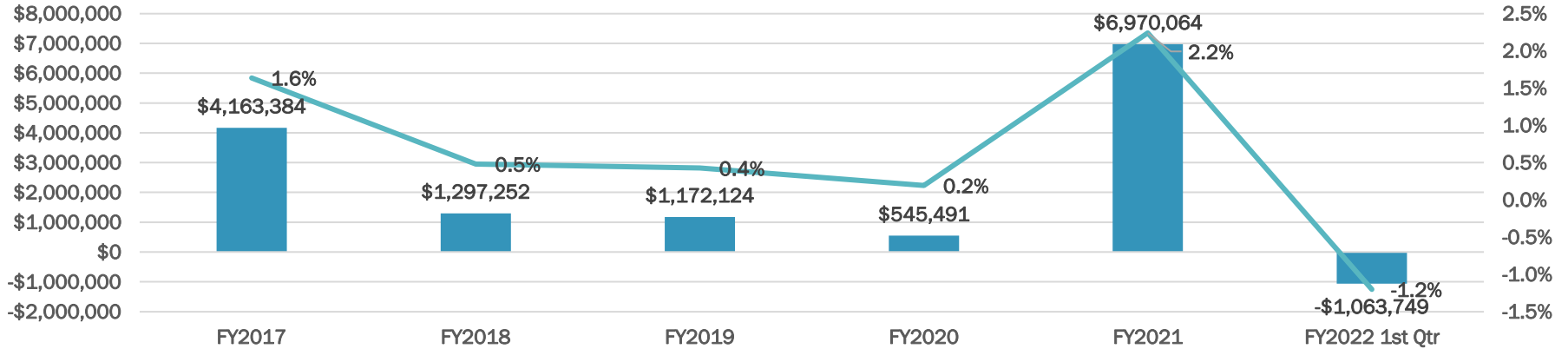


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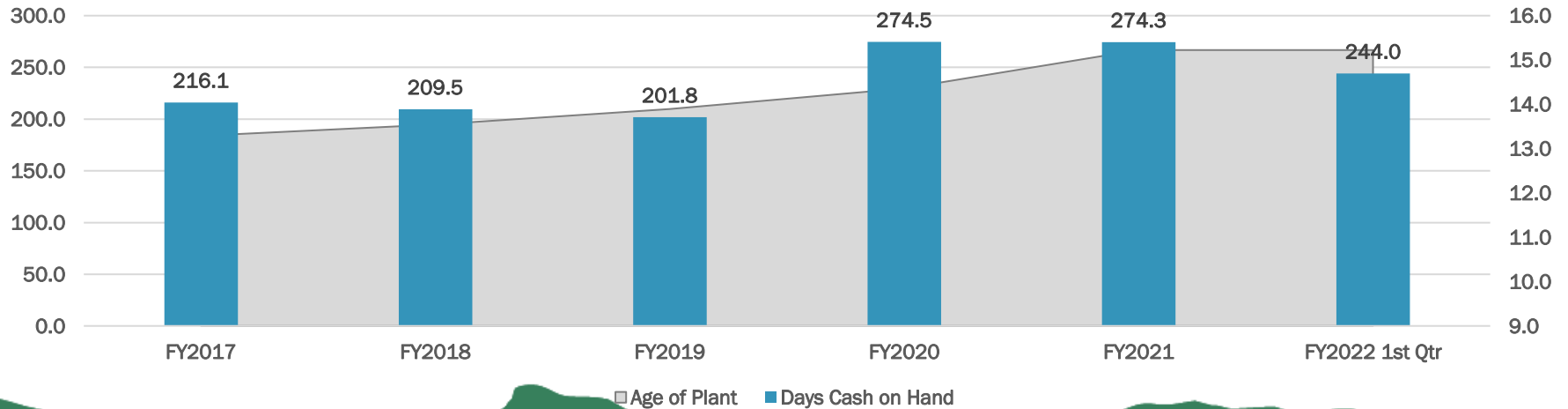


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Operating Margin



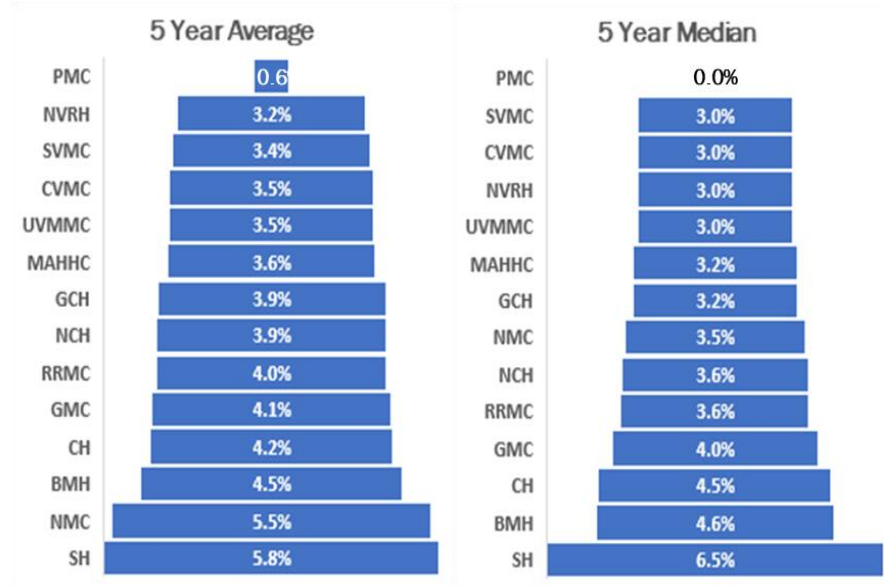
Cash on Hand and Age of Plant



Change in Charge: 5-year Average 2018- 2022 (revised)

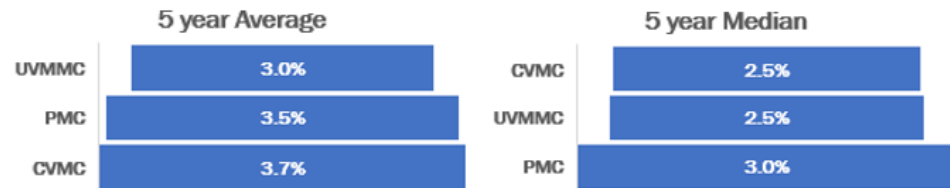
- As of approved FY22 budgets, RRMC 5-year avg. and 5-year med. position improved as the FY2017 -5.1% rate reduction fell off and the FY22 3.64% approved rate increase came on.

Change in Charge



*PMC has been zero since FY2017

Commercial Effective Rate



Commercial Effective Rate 2017-2021

Change in Charge: (revised)

- If approved, RRMC's new 5-year average would be 5.77%, second highest of the system for FY2018-FY2022.

Original 5-Year History	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	5-Year Avg.	5-Year Med.
Approved	4.90%	2.60%	2.70%	6.00%	3.64%	3.97%	3.64%
5-Year w/Adjustment	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	5-Year Avg.	5-Year Med.
Approved	4.90%	2.60%	2.70%	6.00%	12.64%	5.77%	4.90%

Distribution of Rate Increase* :



The proposed rate increase will be targeted and not imposed as an overall rate increase. The table below shows service areas where RRMC plans to impose the increase should we receive approval.

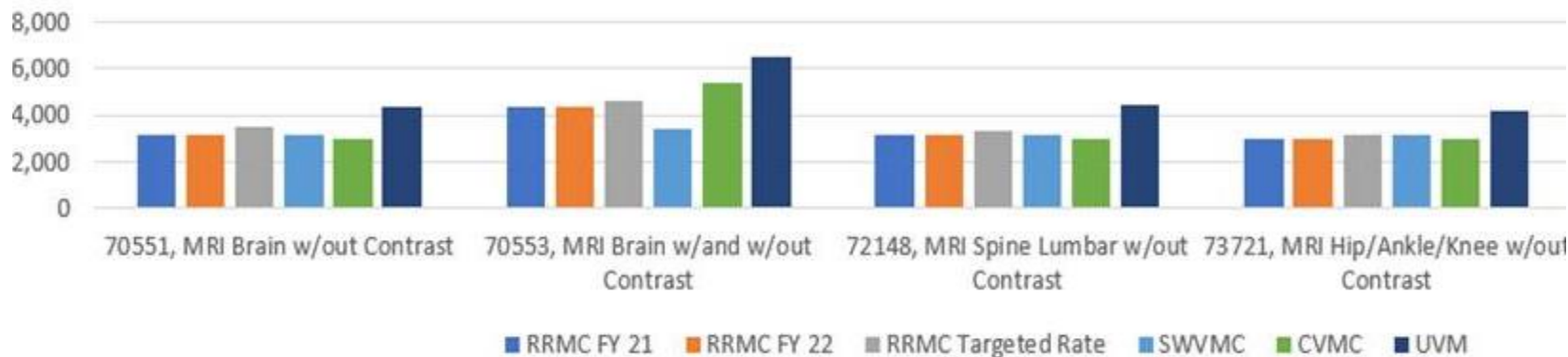
Service	Gross Revenue Increase			Net Reimbursement			Percentage Reimbursement
	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total	Total
Clinic Services	\$ -	\$ 518,350	\$ 518,350	\$ -	\$ 176,372	\$ 176,372	34.0%
Diagnostic Imaging Services	\$ 129,377	\$ 476,870	\$ 606,246	\$ 15,810	\$ 122,746	\$ 138,555	22.9%
Emergency Services	\$ 173,063	\$ 1,391,500	\$ 1,564,563	\$ 22,030	\$ 352,258	\$ 374,288	23.9%
Anesthesia	\$ 97,980	\$ 449,880	\$ 547,860	\$ 20,024	\$ 157,359	\$ 177,383	32.4%
Laboratory Services	\$ 950,182	\$ 3,302,706	\$ 4,252,887	\$ 108,367	\$ 983,648	\$ 1,092,015	25.7%
Pharmaceutical Services	\$ 1,296,000	\$ 16,560,000	\$ 17,856,000	\$ 171,102	\$ 3,678,917	\$ 3,850,019	21.6%
Other DI Services	\$ 624,545	\$ 2,841,319	\$ 3,465,864	\$ 76,318	\$ 731,352	\$ 807,670	23.3%
Surgical Services	\$ 1,445,136	\$ 1,503,000	\$ 2,948,136	\$ 316,766	\$ 433,708	\$ 750,474	25.5%
Total	\$ 4,716,282	\$ 27,043,624	\$ 31,759,906	\$ 730,417	\$ 6,636,359	\$ 7,366,776	23.2%
				15.5%	24.5%	23.2%	
	Overall Rate Increase		9.0%				
	Net Revenue Per Percent		\$ 820,353.70				

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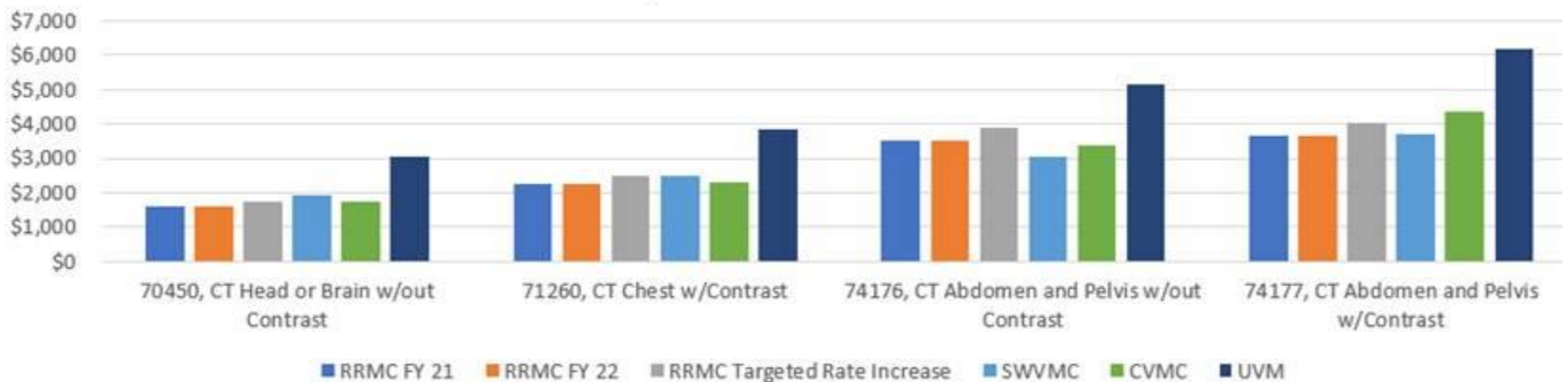


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Top Volume MRI Rates



Top Volume CT Rates

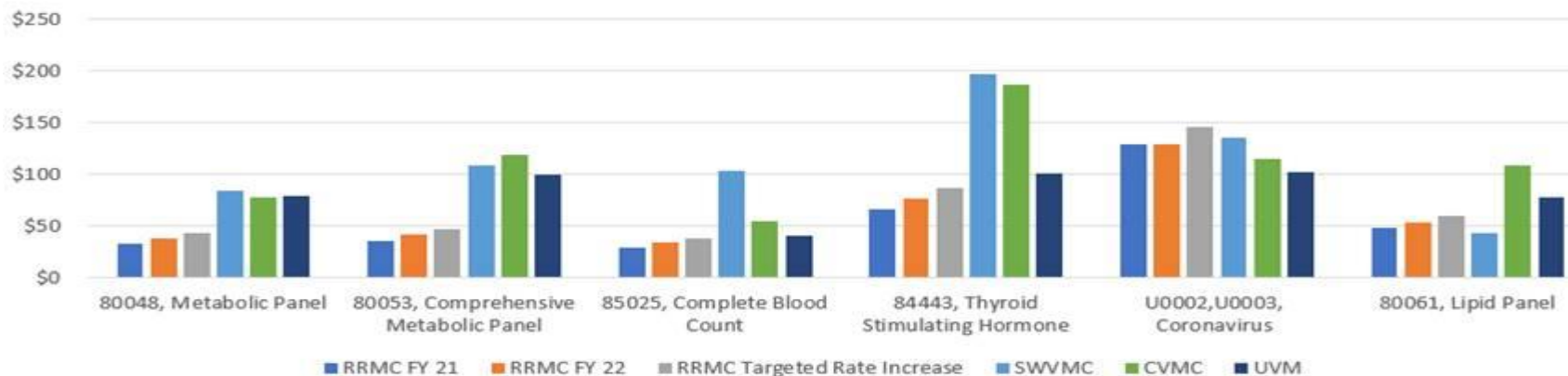


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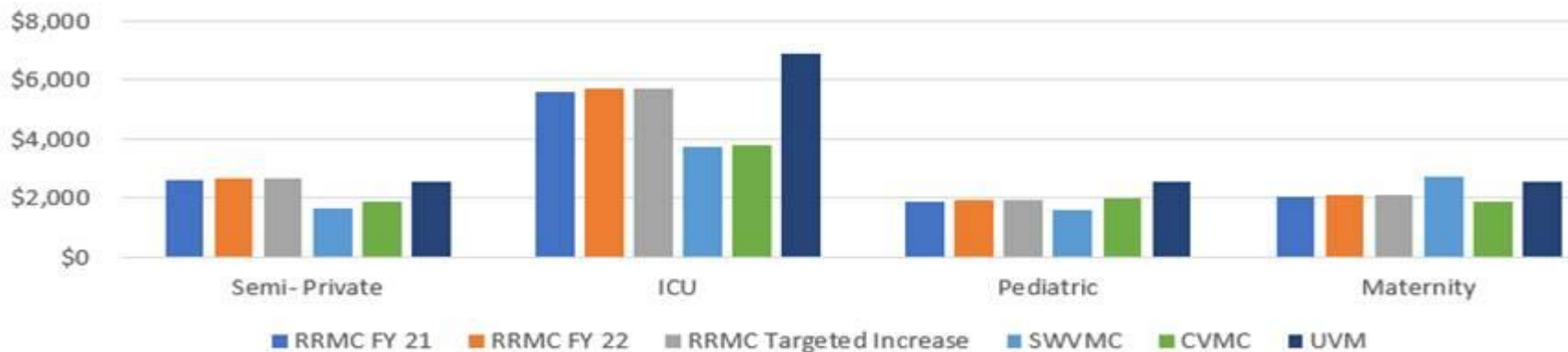


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Top Volume Lab Rates



Room And Bed Rates



- Did RRMC Confirm that the request is able to be implemented under third party-payer contracts?
 - Not as of the formal request letter dated February 25, 2022
- What is RRMC's contingency if not approved?
 - What is RRMC's ability to limit services to meet its budget, consistent with its obligations to provide appropriate care for all patients?
 - RRMC does not have a contingency plan. The projected losses potentially challenge RRMC's capacity to meet financial debt covenants.
 - RRMC believes the services they offer are in alignment with the community's needs. Without the rate increase RRMC may have to limit certain services which could have further utilization and cost implications as many are tied to primary care.

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(revised)



- Does RRMC's mid-year request have any impact on any wait times issues that RRMC might be experiencing? If so, please explain.
 - No, the request is entirely due to the need to respond to inflationary costs related to workforce.
- RRMC was asked about specific financial covenant triggers relating to bond covenants.
 - The concern related to our bond covenants is specific to our projected operating loss and its impact on our Debt Service Coverage ratio. With a projected Fiscal 2022 operating loss of \$7.5 million, our debt service coverage ratio would fall to 1.79 against our bond covenant of 1.40. Should our operating loss in Fiscal 2022 drop to \$9.0 million our debt service coverage ratio would fall below 1.40.

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommendation:
 - Approve 9% requested increase to mitigate projected margin erosion and provide hospital leadership financial flexibility to meet the unforeseen circumstances resulting from increased volumes, workforce and other cost pressures. The approval of 9% would create an overall rate change of 12.64% from FY21 for RRMC.
- Suggested motion language:
 - *Move to [approve] Rutland Regional Medical Center's request for a mid-year adjustment to its FY22 budget [as submitted], with a charge increase of [9%] from Rutland Regional's approved FY22 budget, to be effective April 1, 2022.*