

## Hospital Budget Review- Overview Green Mountain Care Board

### Green Mountain Care Board

18 V.S.A. § 9372

The Legislature's intent in establishing the Green Mountain Care Board (Board) was to create an independent board to promote the general good of the State by:

- 1) Improving the health of the population;
- 2) Reducing the per-capita rate of growth in expenditures for health services in Vermont across all payers while ensuring that access to care and quality of care are not compromised;
- 3) Enhancing the patient and health care professional experience of care;
- 4) Recruiting and retaining high-quality health care professionals; and
- 5) Achieving administrative simplification in health care financing and delivery.

### Hospital Budget Review

18 V.S.A. § 9375(b)(7); 18 V.S.A. § 9456

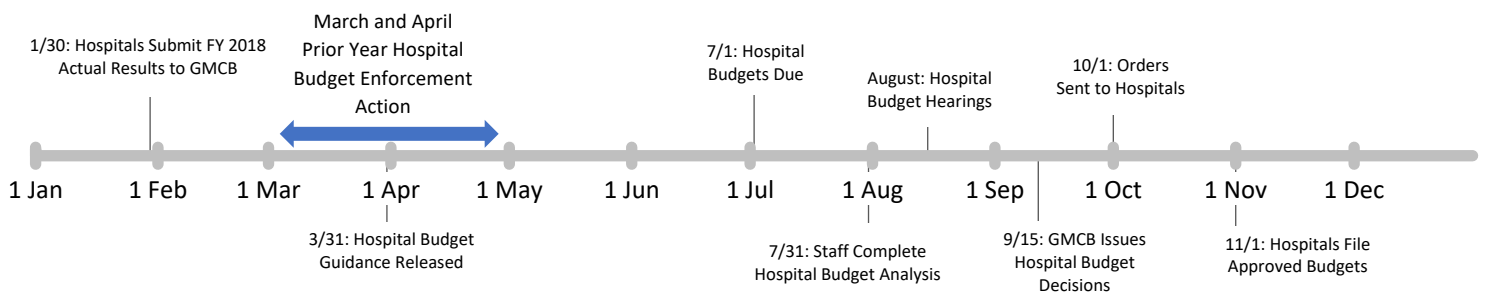
The Board establishes hospital budgets, monitors year-to-date performance and acts when operating performance differs substantially from budget:

- Establish Budgets
  - The Board approves budget guidance each year in March. The budget guidance establishes revenue growth rates for Vermont's 14 community hospitals<sup>1</sup>
  - Under Oath, hospitals submit budget requests on July 1<sup>st</sup> and further discuss at hospital budget hearings in August
  - The Board deliberates publicly at scheduled Board meetings and establishes budget orders by October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Monitor Performance
  - Hospitals are required to submit year-to-date performance information to the Board each month
  - Hospitals facing financial challenges may be required to meet monthly with the chair of the Board
- Enforcement
  - The Board may review hospitals who do not meet target revenue growth rates. The Board may take enforcement action if performance differs substantially from budget

### Transparency and Public Engagement

During hospital budget review process, the Board solicits public comment, gives public notice of meetings and invites public to comment and attend, deliberates in a public setting and posts budget information to its website.

The Office of Health Care Advocate, a division of Vermont Legal Aid, receives hospital budget materials, other pertinent information and participates in the budget process and hearings.



<sup>1</sup> The Board regulates hospital net patient revenue (NPR) and fixed prospective payment (FPP) growth rates. The Board also regulates NPR/FPP by establishing change in gross charges