

July 10, 2024

Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Mr. Owen Foster,

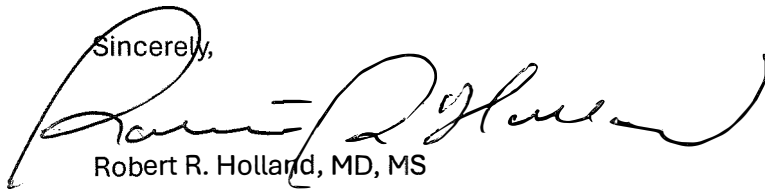
Thank you for coming to Newport for the first Community Act 167 Healthcare Community Meeting. I have attached documentation for the contradiction about health care costs that is presented through the GMCB website.

Based upon the findings reported by Dr. Bruce Hamary et al Vermont's per capita health care costs have been underreported for decades, even prior to the existence of the Green Mountain Care Board. Looking only over the interval 2015-2020 the average annual under reporting is 16%, essentially omitting an entire years expenditure over the 6 year interval. Using Dr. Hamary's data Vermonters spend 22% of their personal income on health care not the 19% reported in the 2020 expenditure analysis. The only state with higher proportionate spending is Mississippi at 23%.

I wish you the best with the a very large challenge. You have the opportunity to make a very large contribution to Vermonters.

“When written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters-one represents danger and the other represents opportunity. “
John F. Kennedy

Sincerely,



Robert R. Holland, MD, MS

Documentation:

From 2020 Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis Lori L. Perry, CMA Health Finance Analytics Director May 9, 2022

2020 Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis-Summary Vermont compared to United States: Vermont expenditures are compared to U.S. health consumption spending. For 2020, Vermont decreased 2.3% from 2019, U.S. health consumption spending increased 4.3%. Vermont was lower than the 4.1% increase in 2019 while U.S. spending increased roughly at the same rate for 2019. U.S. spending included the COVID-19 relief funding. ***Per capita spending (per person) in Vermont was \$9,902 a decrease of 5.2% over 2019. This is lower than the U.S. per capita amount of \$11,949. Vermont's health share of Gross Domestic Product is 19.0% compared to the U.S. of 18.8%.*** Vermont providers health care revenues received: Health care service revenues received by Vermont providers for in- and out-of-state patients decreased 0.5% in 2020 which is an average annual increase of 3.4% for the period 2015 through 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Growth reported in revenues for Hospitals increased 1.5%; this category includes COVID-19 provider relief funds as well as revenues for hospital-employed physicians. Revenues decreases of 13.2% for Physicians, 6.1% for Nursing Homes, 4.7% for Home Health were some of the largest reported for 2020. This symbol is used when a slide is prep

From: Act 167 (2022): A Brief History & Why Hospital System Transformation is Necessary to Preserve Vermonters' Access to Essential Services June 19th, 2024

Vermont per capita health care spending has grown and is now among the highest in the US 14 Over the last several decades, Vermont has increased from the bottom decile to the top decile in terms of state per capita health care spending.

Vermont Resident Health Care Costs (\$millions) as Reported by GMCB and CMS

