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Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

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Questions

- 1) Vermont's FY24 budget indicates an increase in Vermont Medicaid's RBRVS fee schedule to 110% of Medicare for primary care providers and a 3.8% inflation increase to specialty care providers. Have these increases been factored into your budget? If not, indicate what effect that would have on the submitted commercial rate increase.
- 2) Does Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Care Center (MAHHC) provide financial support for its senior housing subsidiary, Historic Homes of Runnemedede? If so, provide estimates for the past few fiscal years.
- 3) Provide a complete response to question k.ii. in the narrative, including any third party contracts that exist to collect payments from patients. Hospitals may reach out to the GMCB to request confidential treatment of materials that are exempt from public inspection and copying under Vermont's Public Records Act.
- 4) The sum of net revenue for inpatient, outpatient, and professional services provided in exhibit 10 does not always equal the values provided for the total change. If this is an error, update the exhibit. If accurate, why does the total differ from the sum?
- 5) Elaborate on your statement: "We are experiencing some degree of an unfair playing field since we are competing with New Hampshire facilities who do not have to deal with a state income tax." (Narrative, 3)
- 6) Provide examples of how "ACO work, regulatory expectations, and increased payer requirements" have "increased administrative overhead" (Narrative, 3)
- 7) You note that "the ratio of free care versus bad debt" runs "fairly consistently" (i.e., more or less the same in total (Narrative, 6). However, Exhibit 9 shows a tighter ratio of free bad debt to free care in FY24 compared to FY21 and FY22. How is MAHHC shifting more uncompensated care from bad debt to free care?
- 8) Provide examples or data to support the position that New Hampshire's "favorable regulatory and tax environments" make them "more competitive" in attracting and retaining employees (Narrative, 7)
- 9) How did you identify the "700 patients" to "redirect" away from the ER to a walk-in service for primary care? (Narrative, 13)
- 10) Explain the substantial decrease in estimated third party settlements (-119% 23B to 24B %) (Balance Sheet)