

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: It is time for the Green Mountain Care Board to adopt a process that allows hospital leaders to put forth their own fiscally responsible budgets to adequately support our communities, for your approval. Putting unrealistic restrictions on the hospitals in Vermont is not helpful for our patients or our population. Northwestern Medical Center's mission is to provide exceptional healthcare for our community. The GMCB's current FY24 budget guidance will not help us to support our mission. We are seeing inflation rates of 6-15% for everyday expenses, like food and office supplies to linens and needles. Limiting the net patient service revenue growth rate to 8.6% growth on FY 2022 actuals is not realistic. I implore you to listen to the comments you will receive and allow our hospitals to recover from the last few years so that we can adequately care for our patients and our neighbors.

Post Comment: Yes