

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Comment: I am writing as someone closely involved with a private PT practice in VT. As a result of the data now made available via the new transparency laws, we can see that hospitals are already paid 3 to 5 times what private physical therapy practices are paid in the State of VT for the exact same services provided to patients as per submitted CPT codes. Meanwhile, reimbursement rates to private practices have been virtually frozen for over 17 years. Considering there is supposed to be parity in payments by law in VT, how is this fair? And how can the hospitals continue to ask for more when private practices are starving? We can't give raises to our clinicians if we don't get raises from the payers. Where else would the money come from? This impacts real human lives with families and every day financial needs, especially in a time of high inflation. We can not compete with the hospitals on pay and benefits if they are paid 3 to 5 times what we get paid. Please help us right this wrong.

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