

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am an independent practitioner who is concerned with the increasing cost of healthcare and disparity in insurance reimbursements between employed and independent physicians. Independent providers work within a tight budget and strive for efficiency and value. Major medical centers are often too large and unwieldy to be able to save money by increasing efficiency. Many studies have documented that there is money to be saved in hospitals. I encourage the GMCB to not reconsider the FY24 Hospital Budget Guidance. This money could be better spent decreasing premium increases to Vermonters and possibly allowing for the survivability of independent practices by facilitating commercial payer reimbursements which will allow independent practices to remain open. It is well known that hospital based outpatient care is much more expensive when compared to the same care offered in independent practices and ambulatory surgery centers. Rather than continuing to allow hospitals to drive up healthcare costs, it is time that they learned to become more efficient and live within their budget. Thank You, David Schwartz

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