

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: As a current Board member and past CFO of NMC (until 2004), I want to express my concern of the GMCB's restrictions on the hospitals FY 24 budget guidance. NMC has consistently worked hard to be one of the lowest average cost providers among the hospital system. If we cannot manage under the medical inflation rate that everyone is exposed to, then these budget restrictions are flawed and the challenge is not realistic. As we all know, healthcare and housing are the two major cost drivers for our national inflation crisis. We cannot look at this in a vacuum but must address all of the pressures - staffing crisis, providing for mental healthcare, rising cost of medical supplies and drugs, access to physicians, government oversight pressures, litigation, just to name a few. Putting hospitals at risk of financial failure and limiting access to care is not the solution. A better way to make some progress in Vermont's healthcare delivery is to work in collaboration with each other. Please consider these issues for the FY 2024 hospital budget process. Sincerely Dawn Bugbee

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