

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: To the members of the Green Mountain Care Board: Please accept this letter as a trustee of the UVM Health Network, a business owner, a graduate of UVM, and a part-time resident in of Rutland County. Through my time at the UVM Health Network, we have some education and insight into the oversight and budgeting processes of the GMCB. Having had the pleasure of meeting Owen Foster, JD, Chair at our last board meeting, there is some confidence in the ability to work closely with GMCB to expand our position as national leaders in rural healthcare. Healthcare needs great minds to work together to solve the intricacies of the systems that have been foundational to delivering care that no longer support the future. We are profoundly aware of our role as the region's largest safety net provider and, as a network trustee, approving our budgets is one of the chief responsibilities. As a Board Member and a citizen on the fringes of retirement, I am acutely aware of the necessities to make critical investments in people and services while improving efficiencies to sustain the duty of care. The pandemic has severely affected the world, raining lasting impacts on inflation and the workforce. No business goes unscathed, especially not healthcare. We are all dancing with the daily challenges of balancing resources. I urge you to reconsider your position on the FY24 budget guidance to allow for flexibility and the necessary growth of the increasing costs of providing care and the increasing needs of the aging population we serve. Our duty of care to our communities is the unwavering bedrock of our purpose. Your partnership and support in this ask is greatly appreciated.

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