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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Clinical Care Associate in South Burlington Family Practice. Pay, benefits, time off, staffing, recruiting and retention, cost of living in Vermont is high and current pay levels do not allow people to afford many things like food and housing. We are exposed to many risks and are often treated poorly by patients. Poor pay effects the hospitals ability to recruit and retain staff, poor pay and cost of benefits on top of the current cost of living do not allow people to afford the basics of living, and is simply not acceptable. The support staff is the front line to good patient care, without enough support staff the nursing staff would not be able to provide quality care to our community. The nursing staff and other departments depend on the support staff to provide support and needed care to our patients and community, we deserve to be paid fairly, treated with respect, and a safe work environment.

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