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**Subject:** Public Comment: Hospital Budget 2024-10-10T16:47:10Z

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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**Name:** Dawn Ross

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**Town/City:** South Burlington

**Topic:** Hospital Budget

**Comment:** I am super disappointed by the penalty imposed on UVMHC for seeing additional patients. We are working hard to increase access-the demand for our services is insane. In Gastroenterology we have a huge demand for procedures done in endoscopy-and not enough access (space and providers, anesthesia services) to provide these services. We really need a bigger endoscopy center to support the demand for tertiary care-but we can't have that without making a profit to pay for it. This decision is only preventing us from providing increased care. We would love if the demand wasn't as high as it is-but that is NOT reality-we are just trying to take care of people. Please reconsider your decision.

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