

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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**Comment:** I have worked for the hospital for over 20 years in a direct patient care role. Every day I work with staff who are committed to caring for individuals of all ages , races, and socioeconomic groups with professionalism and compassion. The adversarial relationship between the GMCB and the hospital administration that gets transmitted through the media does not have a positive impact on both those providing care and those seeking it. Recently the care board sounded the alarm about patient wait times. The hospital responded by seeing more patients -which generates revenue. While the large numbers published in press releases are out of scale for most organizations in our small state they are a drop in the bucket when compared the the cost and complexity of delivering high quality care to a growing number of people who are sicker. Exceeding projected revenue is not always a sign of greed. To the employees of the organization it represents the fruits of our labor and more yet the possibility that our individual departments may have a better chance at being staffed appropriately and have access to the tools that we need to care for people effectively.

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