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**Subject:** Public Comment: Act 167 Community Engagement

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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**Topic:** Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

**Comment:** An implication in the final report is that suboptimal physician productivity is at the root of many of the evils of the current health care system. What is meant by productivity? Whatever the definition, there are rate limiting factors that influence the ability of physicians to see patients and to complete a diagnostic evaluation in a timely fashion, which are dependent on an infrastructure that includes (and goes well beyond) a critical mass of support personnel, and which are largely outside direct physician control. To focus on the physicians without examining the global system of patient access, throughput, and achievement of outcomes of wellness (not just raw numbers) is short sighted and potentially poised to demoralize (and hasten an exodus of) an already heavily taxed health professional workforce.

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