

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: The target budget determined by GMCB for Northern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) would result in a system (statewide) hospital growth rate of 0.1% and an operating loss (statewide) of approximately \$82M. Locally, NVRH is currently struggling with severe staffing shortages. Inflation is a constant driver of increasing costs. Our hospital will not be able to manage under this guidance. NVRH is essential to the Northeast Kingdom. Our community depends on their high quality services and commitment to serving everyone. NVRH is a community leader in not only providing medical care but community based services that support the social determinants of health. Please reconsider the recommended guidance that is detrimental to our community needs.

Post Comment: Yes