

**A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.**

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**Town/City:** Burlington, VT

**Topic:** Hospital Budget

**Comment:** I have served more than 40 years as a pediatrician in private practice in Vermont. I have participated in helping to reform the health care system since the 1990s and right up until today in my service on the UVM Medical Center Board. I wish to express my continued concern regarding our systemic unwillingness to pay for the health care that is being delivered. Our health care system does not work. We are collectively unwilling to pay for care being delivered. Our attempts to reform health care have again stalled. All health care providers need to be adequately reimbursed, whether they be clinicians in private practice, as I was, or at our academic medical center, or any other Vermont hospital. When in practice, I worried for the long-term viability of our primary care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs if funds did not continue for Care Coordination and Management. As a UVMMMC Trustee, I recognize that--in spite of our very best efforts--a restrictive budget will delay and limit care. Payment is all we have to keep the existent system afloat, and today's reimbursement from the state and federal government is untenable.

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