

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

**Submit Time:** 5/25/2023

**Name:** Kristen Purchase Werner CNM

**Affiliation:** Private practice owner/ practitioner

**Town/City:** Richmond

**Topic:** Hospital Budget

**Comment:** Dear GMCB -- I am asking the Board to NOT continue to award hospital budgets with increased funding. Current hospital practices and care dissemination in these systems is unrestrained and lacks cost effective methodology and organization which is breaking the system in VT. Meanwhile in my practice, I consistently work daily to provide care that is individualized, client focused and HIGH QUALITY. There are so many things we do everyday in private practice to intentionally avoid unnecessary costs. Perhaps if the hospital worked with this methodology it could stay within their budget. Squeezing private practices will continue to promote hospital only practices which over treat, over charge and out cost our system. Health care dollars should not be awarded to systems that repetitively fail to maintain their budgets and planning. Thank you for your attention to the WHOLE system and the very important fact that health care options and smaller private practices need support, financial equity (reimbursements) and general awareness that we are doing GOOD work everyday. It is essential for ALL Vermonters that GMCB recognizes this and acts to promote economic wellness in our health care system.

Thank you , Kristen P Werner CNM/partner Maitri Health Care

**Post Comment:** Yes