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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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

**Comment:** I am writing to offer a few brief comments about my experiences with the health care system and some suggestions for possible changes. I live in central VT and usually go to CVMC and an affiliated primary health practice for health care. For specialty care my family has most often gone to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). I realize that the legislature and Green Mountain Care Board do not have jurisdiction over DHMC but I hope that the review of the hospital system will take into account the fact that many Vermonters receive care at DHMC and that care there should be coordinated as much as possible with care at practices in VT. In our family's experience, sharing of medical information between medical providers can still be difficult. It seems that records are relatively easy to access within the UVM provider network but that systems for transmitting records from/to providers outside that network should be improved. I have read numerous reports about possible health care reforms over the years. One suggestion that seems to me to have merit for improving care and saving money is Recommendation #1(b) in this 2021 report Health Care Oversight Committee report <https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Uploads/9e3a5a8e00/REPORT-FOR-HROC-OPPORTUNITIES-FOR-REGULATORY-EVOLUTION-REVISED-12.20.2021.pdf> In terms of the Community Engagement process, I believe that public comments on this topic should be posted as other public comments are. To date none are available on the website. I look forward to seeing the synthesis of the information obtained from the public meetings and comments.

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