

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

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**Topic:** Hospital Budget

**Comment:** Below are the voices of the independent practices completely drowned by the hospital executive class chorus and their handlers.

What they're saying is - let these high cost locations close services and give us pay parity so we can take on the business they deem not worthwhile. And by the way, we've been on the verge of shuttering for years, why should hospitals suddenly matter more than we?

GMCB has an unparalleled opportunity to take a nuanced approach in its response to the executive chorus:

1. Deny a demand for wholesale rate request
2. Concede a promise to examine each hospital budget independently provided they enumerate which services are at risk of elimination should their request be denied.
3. Calibrate your ruling taking into consideration excess of supply of services amongst independents.
4. Condition approvals on GMCB proclamation that level and site neutral billing will incrementally be introduced in FY25
5. Condition all CON approvals on verifiable proof that excess of supply of same doesn't exist elsewhere in the system at a commensurate or lower cost.

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