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Topic

Hospital Budgets

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While I understand that the hospital is short on funds to cover their cost. I work in Chittenden County and am reaching the point that I can no longer afford to go to the doctor's - let alone the hospital. Insurance companies are covering less, which means working people have to cover the rest.

I feel that the upper management of the hospital needs to be cut in half. How many managers do they need? Is the hospital too top heavy? I understand that traveling nurses represent a large part of their budget - what is the hospital doing to get more nurses? From what I have been told morale is very bad among the nurses. This comes from upper management. No other business can balance their budgets on the backs of others. Why was this not addressed 5 years ago? This is not a new problem.

I can not afford higher health premiums. Presently - to have a tele visit with my GP cost \$ 250.00 for 15 min. I am lucky - that only cost me \$50.00 (as of today). I would be better off if I was on federal assistance. Vermont's health care is being paid for on the backs of the working poor. Now when you contact the billing department of the hospital the first thing the automated attendant ask you - "press one to set up a payment plan". Most people in Vermont can no longer afford to be sick or go to the doctor.

United Health Care no longer has UVM medical as in network - how many other are going to do the same?

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