

**From:** Donnie Blake Jr.

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Dear chair Mullin and Members of the Green Mountain Care Board,  
The only two insurance companies in the state just received staggering increases and now the Vermont hospitals are asking for the same , this is unsustainable .Hospital budgets must be reigned in or Vermont families and small businesses that shoulder the burden of these budgets will not survive.

Each year we here at DBI increase the shared amount by the company to fund health insurance for our employees but instead of taking more burden off their backs all it does it help keep the premium cost relative to the past year. These increases mean more money is going to employee's deductible and out of pocket cost. We are self-insured so the potential for a group to share in any claim surplus is shrinking with every increase. In short health insurance is becoming unsustainable. We , like all Vermont businesses, must adjust to the changing landscape in our markets, look for ways to reduce cost and overhead. We expect hospitals to do the same and be in better position to do so considering the reserves they maintain.

I understand GMCB is not in control of aspects that effect cost, but the hospital request exceeds the boards budget guidance . I request GMCB send a message that cost needs to get under control.

Thank you for your time,

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