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Name

New England Floor Covering

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Burlington

Topic

Hospital Budgets

Comment

Dear Members of the Green Mountain Care Board,
We are writing today regarding the proposed hospital budget increases for FY2023. These increases range from 3.85% to 19.9% and will have an enormous impact on premiums for Vermonters. These potential increases if adopted, will put most of the burden on employers and employees with unsustainable rate increases.

This is unacceptable, especially at this time when everything costs more; gas, food, housing and adding a huge increase in health coverage will hurt many Vermonters and push some out of the health care system due to the inability to pay high premiums.

We respectfully request that instead; you look at and address the hospital inefficiencies as they compare to peer Academic Medical Centers. UVMHC does not rate well in these comparisons. They need to do their part first before you ask Vermonters to carry the burden of these increases.

We ask that you hold up your duty to restrain health care costs by keeping the people of Vermont, each and every employee and employer, at the center of this discussion.

Thank you,
Phyllis Donohue
Brian Cherry
Nigel Mucklow

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